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PANAY DEATH ROLL STILL UNKNOWN

British Gunboat's Rescue Work Winning Warmest U.S. Thanks

STANDARD OIL COMPANY REPORT SAYS NEARLY 100 MAY BE LOST

There is still no definite estimate of dead and missing from the U.S.S. Panay, but H.M.S. Bee has been doing splendid work in rescuing many of the American seamen. It is known that there are 54 survivors from the Panay, but it is not certain how many persons were aboard the vessel when she was bombed.

The American Government is taking a very grave view of the case, and it is recalled that the last time an American warship was sunk in peace time it precipitated the Spanish-American war.

Excepting for Capt. Carlson of the Mei On, all on board the three oil tankers which were bombed by Japanese planes on the Yangtse, are reported safe on board the H.M.S. Bee, according to a telegram received by the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, early this morning.

New York, Dec. 13.
According to a cable from the Standard Vacuum Oil Company's office in Shanghai, the survivors of the Panay are reported to number only 54 out of an estimated total of 150 aboard.

The message adds that four United States gunboats left Kiukiang at daylight for the scene and the Japanese were reported to be sending gunboats and large seaplanes to assist.

It is reported that 18 Japanese bombers and pursuit planes participated in the attack upon the Panay and the oil tankers.—*Reuter*.

54 Survivors In Mission

It is unconfirmedly learned that 54 survivors from U.S.S. Panay are safe ashore at a mission.

The United States Ambassador has expressed to United Press heartfelt appreciation for the assistance rendered by H.M.S. Bee, declaring the immediate despatch of the Bee and her readiness to help Americans in distress were a blessing, since there were no American ships in the vicinity.—*United Press*.

Shanghai, Dec. 14.
H.M.S. Bee has sent a wireless message that she has rescued seven survivors from the U.S.S. Panay, all of whom are now safely aboard.

They are John Bonkowski, gunner's mate, Raymond Browning, electrician's mate, Thomas Coleman, seaman, John Dirhofer, seaman, Joseph Graves, gunner's mate, James Marshall of Collier's magazine, C. C. Vines from Roanoke, Virginia, who is connected with the B.A.T.

Fireman John Hodges and Machinist's Mate William Hoyle are travelling overland in an attempt to reach Wuhu from Hohsien.

H.M.S. Bee has requested the Japanese authorities to provide safe conduct, although the whereabouts of the two men are unknown.—*Reuter*.

Grave View Taken

Washington, Dec. 13.
The extreme gravity with which the United States Government regards the Yangtse settlements, notwithstanding the profuse apologies already tendered by every appropriate Japanese authority, can be gauged by the following points which were made to *Reuter* by a competent authority this evening.

1. This is the first occasion a United States warship has been sunk in peace time by a so-called friendly Power since the sinking of the battleship Maine, which precipitated the Spanish-American War.
2. The President's personal intervention and message to Emperor

Noted Writer Badly Hurt

Among the wounded picked up by H.M.S. Bee following the destruction of the Panay and Standard Oil Company vessels, is Mr. James Marshall, it is learned from the naval authorities here this morning. He is the well-known American writer whose work in Collier's Weekly have been so widely read and quoted. He is seriously wounded in the neck.

Among the men from the three Socony tankers picked up are Messrs. Sherwood, Pickering, Goldie, Jergenson, Mendyard and Blaisino. These names may be incorrectly spelled.

Rescued On Bee

Hankow, Dec. 14.
The official list of rescued men aboard H.M.S. Bee includes: John Bonkowski, gunner's mate; R. L. Browning, electrician's mate; Thomas Coleman, pharmacist's mate; J. Dirhofer, seaman; Joseph Graves, gunner's mate; C. C. Vines, B. A. T. Co.; Jim Marshall, Collier's Weekly.

John Hodges and W. T. Doyle are believed to have gone over-land in an effort to reach Wuhu, and the British have requested information from the Japanese authorities as to their whereabouts.—*United Press*.

It is a circumstance rarely, if ever, with parallel.

3. The United States Government is amazed at Mr. Saito's frank admission that the Japanese know where the American vessels were located and that hence, in the

NANKING RETREAT ORDERED

Fall Came After Stout Defence
No Thought Of Surrender

Shanghai, Dec. 14.
Chinese defenders of Nanking, after withstanding intensive Japanese attacks for one week, were yesterday ordered by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to withdraw.

The withdrawal was carried out in an orderly manner and completed shortly before yesterday evening, when the Japanese forces claimed to have "completely occupied" the former capital.

The fall of Nanking came exactly four months to the day since the outbreak of the hostilities in the Shanghai area.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a statement regarding the withdrawal of Chinese troops from Nanking, states that this does not materially affect the policy of the National Government to resist the Japanese troops to the bitter end. The evacuation was undertaken in order to strengthen the Chinese positions whereby the war of resistance may effectively be continued.

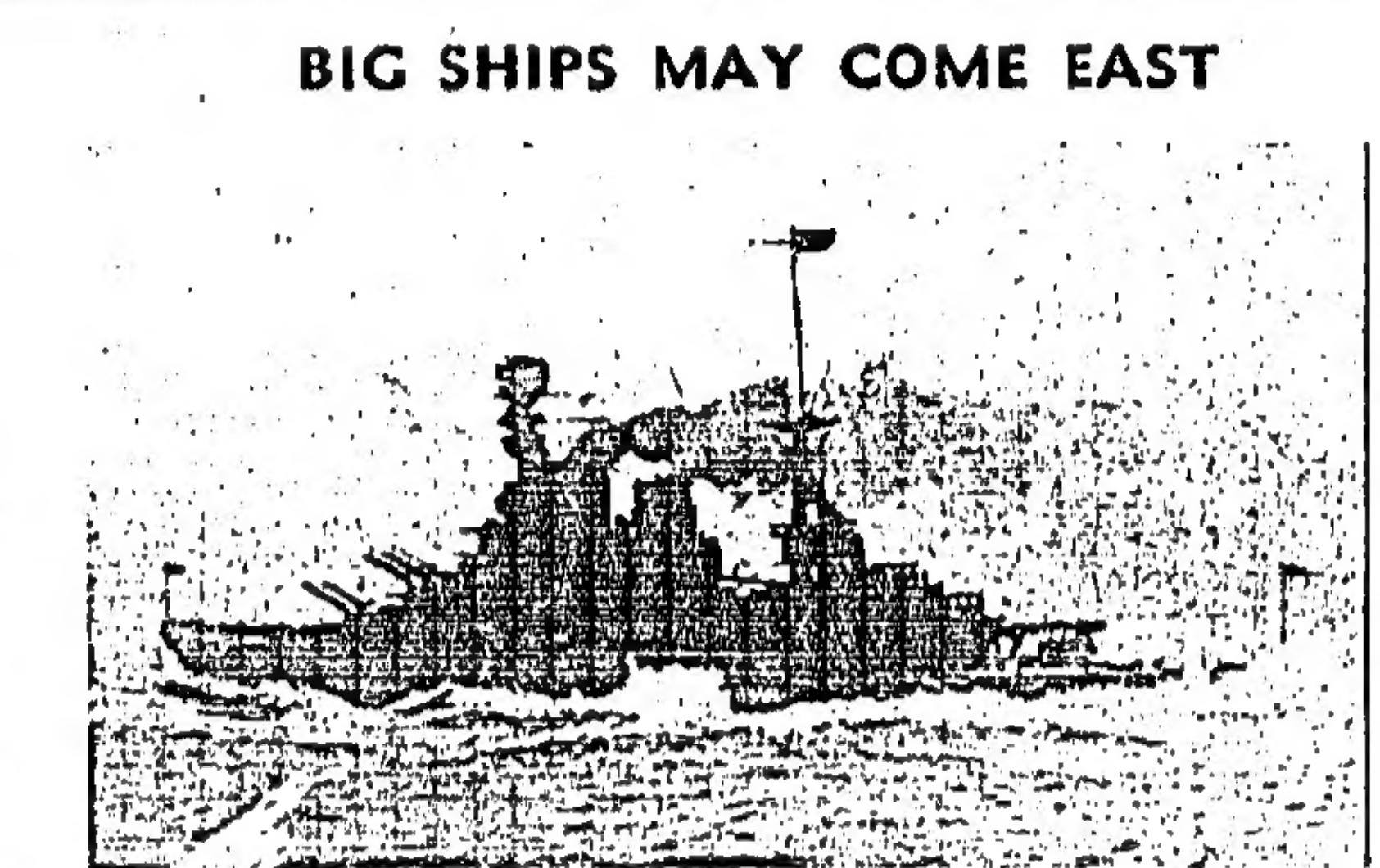
Continuing Resistance

The statement points out that since the seat of the National Government has been removed from Nanking, the city has no further military significance. The Chinese army's fighting plan is to avoid heavy sacrifice and in accordance with that plan the troops at Nanking have been ordered to withdraw to new positions where they will continue the resistance.
No information is available regarding the routes the withdrawing army took, but it is presumed the bulk of the troops went up river by boats and launches.

Handful Still Fighting

Fighting desperately to stem the Japanese attacks, a small force of Chinese troops is understood to have been left at Nanking when the main body of the army withdrew. These troops, it was reported last night, were still holding Haikwan, the waterfront district between the walled city and the Yangtse, but unless they slipped out last night, they will be in a very precarious position to—
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Vigorous U.S. Representation Prepared



BIG SHIPS MAY COME EAST
Lieut.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher, Labour M.P., intends to suggest that the battlecruisers Hood and Repulse and battleships Malaya and Barham be sent to Chinese waters in view of the present tension. Above, H.M.S. Repulse cuts through wild weather on a North Sea mission.

ADEQUACY OF H.K. DEFENCES IS QUESTIONED

Inskip Says Problem Constantly Reviewed

London, Dec. 13.
In the House of Commons to-day, Lieut-Commander R. T. H. Fletcher (Lab.) asked when was the last joint inquiry by representatives of the three defence Services into the question of the defence of Hongkong, and if the Minister for Defence was satisfied that the British forces there were sufficient for the defence of the Colony, having regard to the existing state of affairs in the Far East.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Defence replied that British defended ports overseas, including Hongkong, were kept constantly under review by an appropriate sub-committee of the Imperial Defence Committee, on which all of the three Services were represented.

QUESTIONS ON S'HAU SITUATION

Eden Explains Japan Demand To House

London, Dec. 13.
Lieut-Commander R. T. H. Fletcher (Lab.) asked a question in the House of Commons to-day in regard to the demands the Shanghai Municipal Council had received from the Japanese military authorities.

Mr. Anthony Eden, in a written reply, said he was informed that on December 3 a Japanese representative handed to the Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police a statement indicating that the Japanese military authorities reserve the right to take independent action in the settlement without previous notice to the Council if the situation rendered it necessary. The Council referred the matter to the Consular body which, Mr. Eden understood, is now communicating with the Japanese authorities.

Lieut-Comdr. Fletcher asked through what channel His Majesty's Government communicates with the Shanghai Municipal Council with regard to action it considers the Council should take with regard to the demands formulated, and the action taken by the Japanese military authorities.

Mr. Eden, in a written reply, said the Council was an international organisation and any advice of the nature indicated would be communicated to it collectively by the Consular body through the senior

NATION TREATS PANAY BOMBING WITH CAUTION

Borah Sees Nothing In Incident To Call For Any Drastic Action

BUT PITTMAN DECLARES IT IS INTOLERABLE

Washington, Dec. 13.
Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has prepared vigorous representations to be presented to Japan regarding the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay in the Yangtse on Sunday. Mr. Hull held conference with a group of Far eastern advisers before drafting his protest.

There is no indication at present whether the representations will include demands for indemnity covering the cost of the Panay and suitable compensation for the casualties involved.

Before despatching his note Mr. Hull is expected to confer with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

DEMANDS SWIFT APOLOGY

Washington Press Impatient Of Procrastination
Grudging Excuses Will Not Do

Washington, Dec. 13.
A warning to Japan to make her apology for the Panay incident wholeheartedly and speedily is given by the Conservative newspaper, the Washington Star, which says there will be little disposition on the part of the United States to wait as long as Britain did for an explanation of the Japanese bombing of her Ambassador, or to be content with a grudging and half-hearted apology as London was willing to accept.

The sinking of the Panay and the oil tankers can have only deplorable consequences if Japan, by failing adequately to atone for her misdeeds, adds arrogance to the injury.

To tolerate such conduct by marauders who were now putting China to sword and flame would be to stamp with approval Japan's whole campaign of brigandage and international lawlessness.—*Reuter*.

STOP PRESS CASUALTY FIGURES UNALTERED

Shanghai, Dec. 14.
The original figure of 54 survivors of the Panay disaster has hitherto not been altered. The United States Embassy understands there were 78 aboard the Panay, comprising 54 members of the crew, six Chinese, and 18 foreign civilians, mostly newspapermen.

The crews of the entire Standard Oil concentration comprise altogether six foreigners and 161 Chinese. Carrying doctors and loaded with medical supplies, a three-motored Japanese plane hopped off for Hohsien from Shanghai this morning.—*Reuter*.

FALMOUTH ARRIVES

H.M.S. Falmouth, with Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief of the China Fleet, arrived in Hongkong at 7.15 a.m. to-day from Shanghai.
(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

PREMEDITATED ACTS?
The leader adds that there is reason to believe the incidents were premeditated.—*Reuter*.
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UNDER the CRUST

Savoury Pies are Popular... says Mrs. BARDELL

HOT for dinner, cold for supper. Savoury pies popular—especially in winter? They're substantial, tasty, and full of good nourishment.

I serve so many different pies that there are probably several of these recipes of mine which you have not tried yet.

I get lots of practice at making this raised pie for my folk.

Ingredients: 1lb. flour, 6oz. lard, 1 pint water, 1 teaspoonful salt. Put the lard and water into a saucepan and bring to the boil, then stir it into the flour and salt, and knead to a light dough. Place the dough on a floured board, allow it to stand for five minutes, then knead until a light dough is formed.

Shape the greater portion of the dough with the hands into a hollow pie. The pastry must be kept warm or it will crack. When sufficiently raised, fill with seasoned meat.

Wet the edges with cold water and cover with a lid made from the remaining piece of crust. Brush over with beaten egg, decorate with leaves and diamonds, and brush the decorations with beaten egg.

Make a slit in the pastry, fix in a funnel of parchment paper, and decorate round the paper with pastry decorations. Place the pie in a hot oven for twenty minutes to half an hour, reduce the heat, cover with parchment paper soaked in cold water, and cook for one and a half hours.

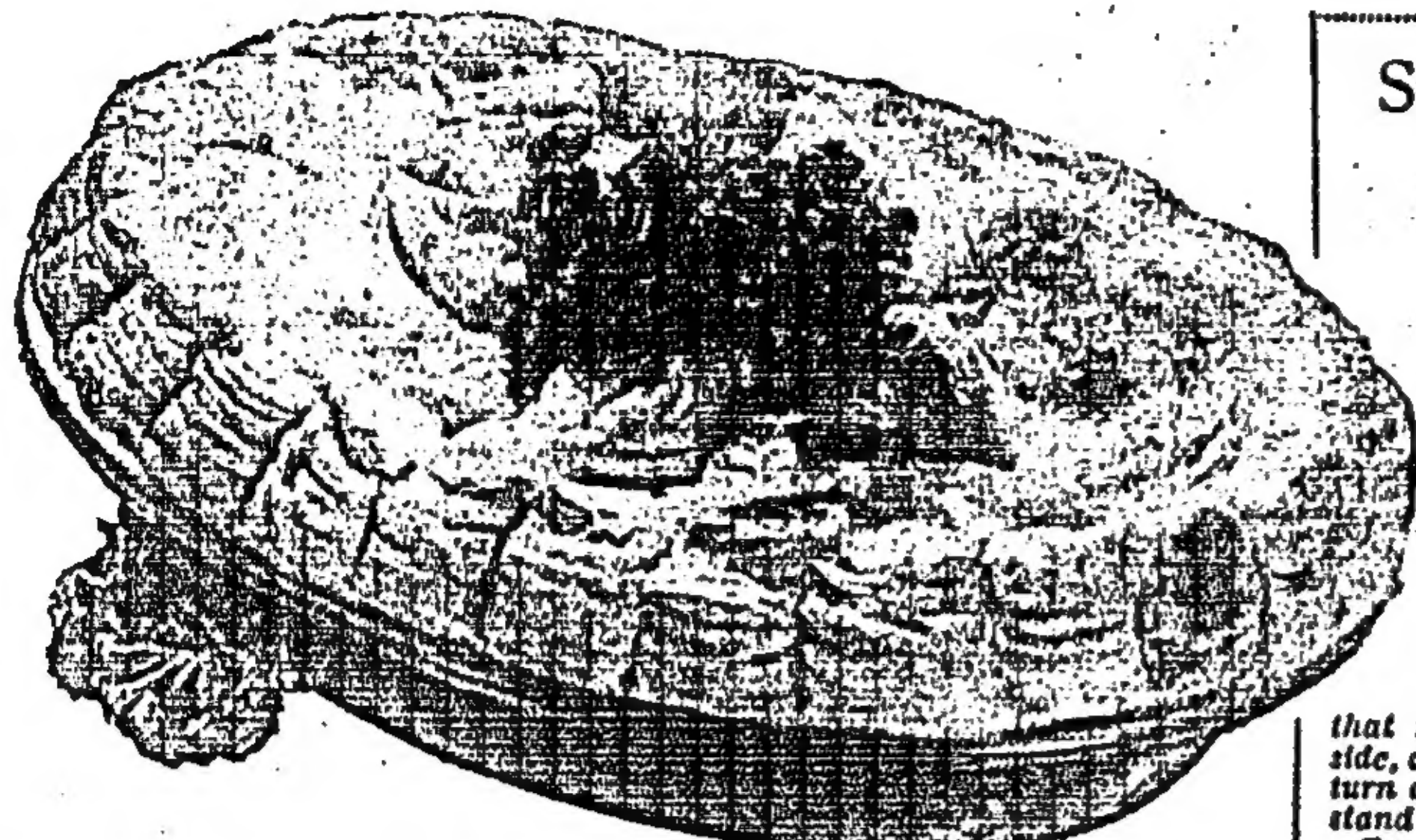
Pour in a little good, hot savoury stock with a little dissolved gelatine added. Leave to set in cold place.

Squab (Mutton) Pie

This is how I make the popular dish of the West Country.

Ingredients: 1½lb. neck of mutton, three medium-sized onions, 1lb. apples, seasoning, a little tomato or mushroom ketchup. Suet crust paste.

Joint the mutton into cutlets and



Steak & Kidney

A FAMILY favourite in winter. Ingredients: 6oz. plain flour, 2oz. cornflour, 6oz. fat (3oz. margarine and 3oz. lard), 1 teaspoonful salt, water, a squeeze of lemon juice.

Sieve the flour, cornflour and salt into a bowl and chop the fat into pieces the size of a walnut. Mix to a fairly soft dough with cold water and lemon juice, then roll into a strip about three times as long as it is broad.

Fold in three, turn so that the folded edges are to the side, and roll again. Fold in three, turn and roll. Allow the pastry to stand for an hour before using.

For the filling use: 1lb. steak, 1lb. kidney, 1½oz. patent cornflour.

Cut the meat into neat strips and the kidney into small pieces. Season the cornflour and with it coat each strip of steak. Put on each a piece of kidney and roll up.

Arrange the meat rolls in a pie dish and sprinkle over the rest of the seasoned cornflour. Add water or stock and cover with pastry. Brush over with a little milk, make a vent in the crust, bake about 1 to 1½ hours, reducing the heat after the first 15 minutes so that pastry is not over-cooked.

the flour, add the potato (cold), salt, and baking powder.

Stir in the egg and sufficient milk to form a smooth paste. Roll out to about 1 inch thickness and use for crusts for pies and pasties.

Savoury Fish Dish

Are you planning a fish supper? Try this pie.

Ingredients: 1 tin of salmon, 1 hard-boiled egg, a little chopped parsley, pepper, salt and a pinch of cayenne, 1 pint white sauce. Flaky pastry.

Remove the skin and bones from the salmon and flake, then place in a buttered pie dish. Arrange the sliced hard-boiled egg, then sprinkle with the chopped parsley, salt, pepper and cayenne. Pour over the white sauce, then cover with flaky pastry.

Brush over with beaten egg, and decorate with pastry fishes.

Forcemeat Filling

Flavourful and unusual pie. Line some small pie tins with this shortcrust pastry. Mix a small pinch of salt with 1lb. flour and 1-teaspoonful baking powder. Rub in 4oz. lard until

the mixture is like breadcrumbs, then add enough water to form a stiff paste. Roll out and use.

Mix 1lb. chopped veal with 1lb. chopped bacon, add two tablespoons of breadcrumbs, 1-teaspoonful of mixed herbs, the grated rind of half a lemon, salt and pepper to taste. Bind with a beaten egg, and add a little milk if required.

Half fill the pies, moisten the edges and place on the tops. Pinch the edges well together, then bake in a fairly hot oven for half an hour.

Cheese Turnovers

Tasty hot supper snack.

Ingredients: 4oz. grated cheese, 6oz. flaky pastry, or potato pastry, 1½oz. butter, salt, pepper, a beaten egg.

Melt the butter in a pan, add the grated cheese and stir till melted, then add most of the beaten egg. Season to taste, and cook and stir over a gentle heat until the mixture thickens, then allow to cool.

Roll out the pastry, cut into rounds with a large cutter or saucer, place two teaspoonfuls of the mixture on each, wet the edges, fold over and press the edges together.

Brush over with beaten egg, and bake for 15 to 20 minutes in a hot oven. Before serving sprinkle with finely chopped parsley.

MIDGE

School Time



Popular Pork Pie

Savoury and sustaining in cold weather it is, too.

Mould the crust or line an oblong or round tin with pastry, then fill as follows: Cut up small 1½lb. pork, not too fat, season with pepper and salt, and simmer bones to make stock, and simmer bones to make stock, and simmer bones to make stock.

When the crust is sufficiently raised, half fill it with the seasoned pork, add a sliced hard-boiled egg, then lift up with the meat.

Cover with a lid of pastry and bake for 20 minutes in a very hot oven, then in a very slow one for 1½ hours. Add two teaspoonfuls of gelatine to the hot stock, and pour into the pie. Stand in a cold place until set.

Make a vent in the pastry, with a slit and paper funnel, as in the raised pie.

Potato Paste

As a change, this pastry could be used for pies.

Ingredients: 1lb. dry floury potatoes, 1lb. flour, 2oz. dripping, 2oz. spray, 1 egg, a little warm milk, a good pinch of salt, and one heaped teaspoonful baking powder.

Bake enough potatoes in their skins to yield 1lb. Mash and rub through a sieve. Then rub the fat lightly into

Cushions From Scraps

CUSHIONS are quite an important part of our furnishings nowadays, for they add a certain note of comfort and luxury which modern decorators have made popular.

The new cushions have very little trimming beyond the lovely fabrics of which they are composed.

As most of them are further of rectangular shape, they are quite easy to make once you have chosen the nicest materials for them which you can procure—from the shops, or maybe even from your fabric "piece-bag."

White chintz, quilted in squares or diamonds in brightly coloured silk is ideal for cushions in certain rooms. The stitching may be in scarlet, navy blue, emerald, or bright violet or purple according to the existing colour scheme.

If you have an old sampler, or a piece of beautifully made needlework, showing small stitches and an all-over design, then here is your chance to put it to good use by turning it into a cushion.

Pieces of needlework tapestry, intricate or simple in conception, can also be turned into cushion covers with little trouble.

Brighter Sports Shoes

SPORTS shoes are alarmingly colourful nowadays. It seems but a short while ago that they simply had to be of classic cut, and made of good brown leather if they were to be "good style."

But now we have very attractive models in dark kid piped with a vivid colour, and having a short, wide lace in leather of the same colour to match.

Flat-heeled black shoes look well with green lacings and pipings, and dark blue is finished with canary colour.



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Good Cooking

By Ambrose Heath

Two Savoury Dishes

MANY thousands of English people are devotees of pig's trotters, but many more are suspicious of what is really a very delicious form of food—provided that your pork butcher is beyond suspicion and you make certain that the trotters are perfectly clean before being cooked.

They do deserve greater popularity and in the hope of inducing some of my readers to share with me two quite delicious dishes, here they are one hot and one cold.

Grilled Trotters

CUT the prepared pig's too, for a supper dish. Feet in half length. Soak the prepared feet in wine, wrap each half in a piece water for several hours, then pepper to the seasoning if you of cloth, twisting and tying the split and crack them in several like the dish rather hot.

ends. Cook them for four or five hours in water with salt, pepper, corns, allspice, a large bouquet of parsley, thyme and bayleaf and, if you like it, two or three cloves of garlic.

When they are done let them get cool out of the liquor, unwrap and brush them over with olive oil, roll them in bread-crumbs and grill quickly, a quarter of an hour being enough. Serve with tomato sauce.

Cold Trotters

THIS is a Creole recipe, and a very good one, for six trotters.)

You can add a little cayenne pepper to the seasoning if you like the dish rather hot.

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DANCE DRESS REVEALS BLEMISHES

By Marion Morton

IF you count dancing among your major hobbies—or indeed if you ever dance at all, and most of us do that—then we have to remember one fact especially when we are practising our general beauty regime, however scanty it maybe.

Backs and shoulders are much in evidence. One is often forced to realise that if only all women looked at their backs in a double mirror they would certainly either try to improve them or else invariably cover them up altogether.

Stand Up

OFTEN, however, it is the result of bad posture and lack of exercise. If you hold yourself properly your back may immediately fall into really lovely lines. And if you remember always to keep your shoulder blades straight, waist where it should be and your neck properly poised, then these lovely lines will remain.

Attractive backs are always smooth and evenly textured, with a fine, soft skin—a state of affairs which does not necessarily arrive without help from the lady herself.

Backs are rather difficult to treat oneself, but much may be done with the help of a rubber patten on a long handle, and a bath brush.

Shoulders

THERE are lotions which give a finished appearance to your shoulders, back and arms, and if you choose a pale peach, or faint apricot shade the effect will be better than that of plain white. When your lotion is dry, the skin should be polished all over with a piece of chamomile leather dipped in powder to match the lotion.

And do be sure to use a make-up which doesn't constantly need re-appearing. A liquid powder foundation lotion is useful for skins that are apt to get moist. Noses which insist upon shining must be treated with an anti-shine lotion which will mend matters.

Bow In Her Hair

WHEN you have chosen a successful hair-style which really suits your face, personality and your figure, please do not spoil the effect by dressing it up in the evening with unsuitable ornaments.

Small bows to match the dress are "in" again, and they look very pretty tying back the shorter curled pieces of hair on either side of the centre parting, the remainder of the hair falling in a rather long, straightish bob, with curled-under ends.

Fair hair looks lovely waved back from the temples, smoothed over the head, and curled up at the ends, with a small black velvet bow nesting among the ends at the nape of the neck.

Hair pulled upwards and dressed rather high, forming a line of curls at the back and another group at the side of the head over the forehead may be supplemented over the other side of the forehead by a single, flat, rather small velvet flower.

A line of dark curls around the head may be broken here and there by tiny red velvet flowers or wee rosettes, placed at irregular intervals.

One may be fixed over the right ear, while three more are found at the top of the head towards the opposite side.

Help Kidneys

Don't Take Drastic Drugs

Your kidneys have nine million tiny tubes or filters which are endangered by neglect or drastic, irritating drugs. Beware! If kidney trouble or bladder weakness makes you suffer from getting up at night, Leg Pains, Nervousness, Dizziness, Stiffness, Headaches, Lumbago, Circles Under Eyes, Swollen Ankles, Neuralgia, Burning, Itching, Smarting, Stiffness, Loss of Vigour, don't delay. Try the Doctor's new discovery called Cystex (Bina-tex). Soothes, tones, cleans, and heals sick kidneys. Starts work in 15 minutes. Brings new health, youth and vitality in 48 hours. Cystex costs little and is guaranteed to end your troubles in 3 days or money back. At all chemists.

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POLICE TELL OF £15,000 FIND IN GARAGE

A police constable described at West London police court recently how he had by accident discovered a collection of banknotes valued at £15,000.

Harold Jones, 33, described as a glass blower, address refused, was charged with stealing 101 volumes and glass-cases containing together 40,000 bank notes of various countries, the property of Mr. Frederick Ernest Catling, a cinema proprietor. Jones, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial. He was offered bail in two sureties of £100 each.

EMPTY SAFE

Mr. Frederick George Catling, son of the owner of the "Avonmore Collection," said that during September his father's town house in Avonmore Road, West Kensington, was unoccupied and in the hands of decorators. The volumes were kept there in an asbestos steel-lined safe.

On September 22 he found the safe broken open and the contents gone. On October 23 he received a letter demanding £500, which he took to the police.

On their instructions, he advertised in a newspaper, and next day another letter arrived. Acting on instructions given in that letter, he bought a green attaché-case and deposited it at King's Cross Station.

P. C. Ronald Crocker said he saw Jones receive a green leather attaché-case at King's Cross Station.

When Jones saw him he ran away, throwing the case at him. The officer said he threw his arms around Jones's legs and brought him to the ground, and after a struggle he was over-powered.

Inspector Sands said that in a lock-up garage, which he opened with a key taken from Jones, he found five books containing the collection.

Germany Paid £1,010,000,000 As Reparation

The aggregate amount paid by Germany in respect of reparation and costs of occupation was 20,598,000,000 gold marks—£1,010,000,000 at the old par of exchange, Lieutenant - Colonel Colville, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, stated in a written answer in the House of Commons.

He added that it was not possible to give a figure for the United Kingdom alone which was strictly comparable with this figure.

Our records included the surplus of liquidated ex-German property in Britain, but excluded receipts on account of costs of occupation which could not be distinguished without great labour.

On this basis our total receipts from German reparation payments were £122,000,000.

The aggregate amount paid by Great Britain to the United States in respect of the war debt, including token payments, was £410,000,000 at the old par of exchange.

Night Hunters Fined

Pueblo, Colo.
Heavy night shooting of rabbits has caused a crusade by peace authorities in this area against the sport. The usual fine for persons convicted of night hunting is \$35. Farmers complained against the practice because it endangered livestock.

Is Selassie Still King Or Just Refugee?

JEW ISSUES WRIT AGAINST HIM

Is Haile Selassie still Emperor of Abyssinia? Or is he just a royal refugee from the country that Italy has conquered?

Is he a wealthy man or is he penniless, with no prospects of raising money from anywhere?

These questions of international significance may be decided by the High Court as a result of a writ just issued, says the Sunday Despatch.

The writ has been taken out by Mr. Leo Y. Chertok, 30-years-old square-jawed American Jew, who took a prominent part in a plan to lease a large part of Abyssinia to a group of international financiers about two years ago.

Mr. Chertok abandoned his plan in October last year, and on a visit to London he was quoted as saying that he would relinquish all claims to the mineral and other rights in the 15,000 square miles of Ethiopian territory he bought for £1,000,000 in 1935.

It was stated that he was giving up the concession because it was likely to cause international complications.

His estimate of the cost of doing so was £500,000, which he said he would have got from "banker's commission."

Now he alleges that Haile Selassie owes him £23,000 for cash advanced and commission.

DEFENCE OR—

And when the writ is served, Haile Selassie can do one of two things: Refuse to defend the action which means that Mr. Chertok will get judgment by default; or Enter an appearance through his solicitor and defend the action in the High Court.

English law says that no court in this country has jurisdiction over a sovereign.

If Haile Selassie decides to make this a preliminary issue, it will be left to the court to decide whether Mr. Chertok can continue with his claim, or, in other words the court will have to decide if Haile Selassie is still Emperor of Abyssinia.

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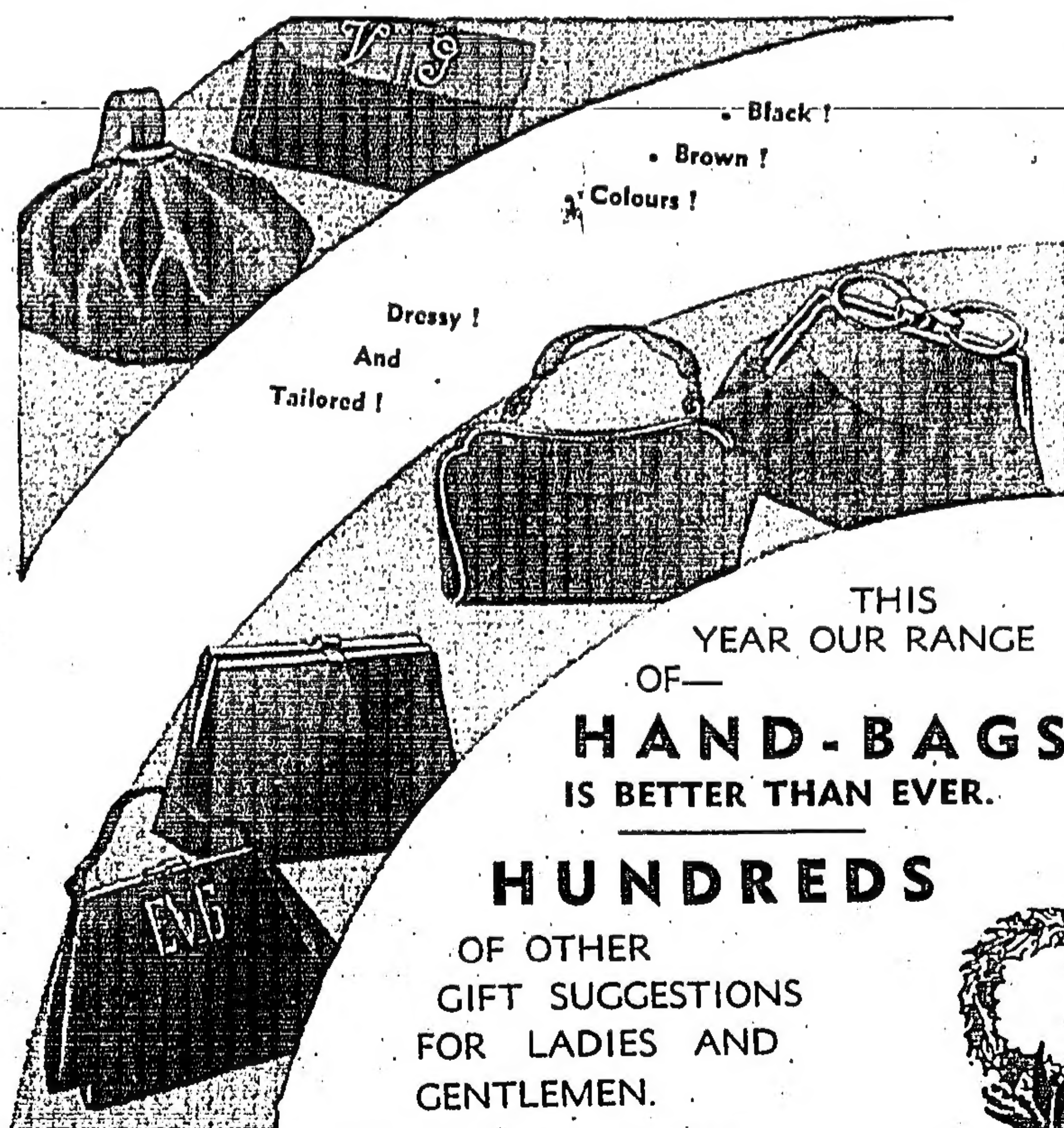
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Did Baby's Birth Cause Air Crash?

That the wreck of the Belgian air liner at Ostend the other week, in which the Grand Duke of Hesse and his wife were among the 11 persons killed, was due to the fact that the Grand Duchess had given birth to a child during the flight, reports in the French press suggest.

The aeroplane, it is pointed out, had flown past Ostend and had been seen near Nieuport before it turned back.

It is stated that the pilot had been told that he could fly on to London and land there safely.



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NAVAL BASE
AT KIMOJJapanese To Spend
300,000 Yen There

Canton, Dec. 13.

Kimoj Island off Amoy is being converted into a naval and air base at the cost of 300,000 yen to be used as a centre of operation against South China, according to an intelligence report from Amoy.

To forestall any attack on Kimoj Island, Japanese warships recently shelled the nearby mainland to ascertain that no military force was near Kimoj, although the shells fell mostly on open fields. About 300 Formosan troops have recently arrived in the island, where a Peace Preservation Committee was recently established.

The aerodrome, anchorage for seaplanes and warships and wharves will be completed in two months. Anti-aircraft guns, searchlights and sound locators will be set up around the aerodrome and naval landings. Kimoj is protected by three Japanese destroyers and two light cruisers, which cruise around the waters on the watch for passing ships for South China.

Recent reports stating that Japanese bluejackets landed on the Chungshan mainland are not confirmed. Their main activities are concentrated at San Cho Island off Toishan county in South Kwangtung. Seasoned Chinese troops are located at Toishan and Chungshan counties, and the present number of bluejackets are not sufficient to make a landing on the mainland.

Local papers stated that over eighty children on islands occupied by the Japanese were taken to Formosa for special training to become loyal Japanese subjects at the protests of their parents. Adults are also persuaded to go to Formosa for training and many promises are made to the island occupants.

Whether the bluejackets will land on Kwangtung mainland depends on the outcome of the Nanking siege. Military observers here believe that Canton is of military value to the Japanese campaign except to cut off supplies to Hankow and North China. —Special.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Owing to Miss Violet Capell being in hospital, there will be no Dancing classes until further notice.

OUR GUIDE
TO THE
CINEMAS

"The Prisoner of Zenda" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Anthony Hope's romance is popular at any age. The present production proves an entertaining as the one made in the "silent" days. Ronald Colman, as usual, is a charming hero and carries his part well. He is given splendid support by Madeleine Carroll.

"100 Men and a Girl" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Ever since "Three Smart Girls" it was inevitable that Deanna Durbin would have to make another appearance on the screen. She is again delicious here and is the centre of the story, though personalities like Adolphe Menjou, Leopold Stokowski and Mischa Auer help the picture along.

"The Cattle Thief" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—A roaring tale of the West, replete with thrills. A picture which all youngsters will like.

"Stowaway" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Shirley Temple again, in another charming story. Robert Young and Alice Faye have the chief adult roles.

"Women of Glamour" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A sophisticated play taken from Broadway. Melvyn Douglas and Virginia Bruce make it interesting.

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the announcement of the diplomatic rejoinder to the Panay bombing to the press, said President Roosevelt had made all his engagements on a tentative basis so, if necessary, he could give his entire time to the Japanese situation.

The views of some of the leading Senators on the subject of the Panay's sinking are interesting.

Senator William Borah does not see anything in the situation calling for drastic action.

Senator Elbert Thomas discounts the likelihood of a serious situation arising since the Japanese have assumed full responsibility.

Senator Pat McCarran declared: We should have been out of Chinese waters long ago.

Senator Henrik Shipstead demanded the withdrawal of all American military forces from China.

Intolerable Incidents

Senator Key Pittman, on the other hand, described the Panay's sinking as a climax of an intolerable series of incidents designed to frighten foreigners out of China. He said it gave little satisfaction to have the Japanese Government express regrets on each such occasion. Some high Japanese officers were responsible for such outrages, he said, and their names should be determined. They should be punished; for only such punishment would demonstrate the good faith of Japan.

The Japanese Government subjects itself to reasonable suspicion that such incidents are deliberate, with the purpose of frightening the nations of neutral countries so that they will demand that their Governments withdraw all their representatives and nationals from China," Senator Pittman declared.—Reuter.

Bombing Debated

Washington, Dec. 13. The Panay incident was debated in the Senate to-day, and demands for the withdrawal of American naval craft from China were expressed from various quarters.

Senator Alben W. Barkley replied that such action could not be undertaken. Senator Hiram W. Johnson urged Senators to withhold their comment until more facts were obtained, but added: "Let us remember we are Americans and accord protection to American citizens throughout the world."—Reuter.

Demand Compensation

Washington, Dec. 13. President Franklin Roosevelt has conveyed to the Emperor of Japan an expression of his deep concern at the bombing of U.S.S. Panay.

Simultaneously the United States Government transmitted to the Japanese Government a demand for full compensation, apologies and guarantees against a repetition of such an attack.—Reuter.

NANKING RETREAT
ORDERED

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day when their retreat by the river, now their only means of escape, may be cut off by the Japanese warships which are steaming up from Chinkiang.

General Matsui is expected to enter Nanking within a week, mounted on a charger. In the traditional manner of a conqueror. Meanwhile elated residents of Hongkew will celebrate the fall of Nanking to-day with a victory parade through the streets in Hongkew district.

Starting with a rally in an open space near Hongkew market, the parade will wind through the various streets. Among places which the procession will pass are the Japanese Naval Landing Party headquarters, the Japanese military attaché's office, the Japanese Consulate-General and the flagship Izumo, which is berthed next to the Japanese Consulate.—Reuter.

ADEQUACY OF
H.K. DEFENCES
IS QUESTIONED

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Japanese military officer, who stated that the firing on the warships was a mistake, and he has orders to fire at every ship on the river. The Japanese civil, military and naval authorities at Shanghai were immediately informed and they undertook to warn the Japanese forces in the field.

Meanwhile Sir Robert Craigie had made a very strong protest to the Japanese Foreign Minister, who promised to make an immediate inquiry.—Reuter.

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THE DANGEROUS
YEARS IN MARRIAGE

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Through Nanking

Tokyo, Dec. 13 (3.25 p.m.).

Press reports from the Nanking front state that Japanese troops are pushing southward to Hsankwan with the result that the Chinese garrison in Nanking is virtually encircled.

"Their virtual annihilation is considered merely a question of hours," —Reuter.

Many Buildings Captured

Shanghai, Dec. 13 (5 p.m.).

The Nanking correspondent of the Domei news agency reports that the Japanese in quick succession have captured most of the Government buildings in East Nanking, including that housing the Military Affairs Commission, the Military Academy, the National Government, Executive Yuan and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's residence; during the fighting down Chongshan Road. Then the Japanese captured the South Wall while the Chinese contested every inch of the way.

Meanwhile the Japanese warships broke the Chinkiang boom and are

sailing up river through the Chinese lines and exchanging fire with the Chinese batteries at Wulungshan, several miles below Nanking.—United Press.

Gains Extended

Shanghai, Dec. 13 (6.42 p.m.). Still encountering furious resistance, the Japanese forces have extended their gains in the eastern corner of Nanking at the result of a powerful onslaught in which bombers supported ground troops.

Among the buildings the Japanese troops have occupied, according to Japanese reports, are the headquarters of the Military Affairs Commission, the Military Academy, Chiang Kai-shek's home, National Government office and offices of the Executive Yuan.—Reuter.

Complete Occupation

Shanghai, Dec. 13 (10.5 p.m.). Gen. Matsui's headquarters announced the complete occupation of Nanking at sunset.—Reuter.

Peiping Celebrates

Peiping, Dec. 13. The streets of Peiping are beflagged in anticipation of the Japanese occupation of Nanking. School children have been instructed to take part in the parades and the parents of those refusing will be considered Communists. Instructions have been issued by the Peace Maintenance Commission appointed by the Japanese.—Reuter Bulletin.

DEMANDS SWIFT
APOLOGY

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meditated acts on the part of certain Japanese forces, and declares that British, American and French warships have absolute right to be in the Yangtze. The Governments principally interested in Far Eastern affairs had given sufficient proof of goodwill for it to be impossible to suspect them of wanting to use the present crisis as a pretext for checking Japan and forcing her into a general war.

The leader concludes with a warning to Japan against taking action which could not be allowed by Powers who have any sense of their dignity and duty in protecting foreign nationals.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio.—Petronella, Thurston Castle, Santha, Shinkyo Maru, President Pierce, President Hoover, Rajpaulana, Empress of Canada, Sarpedon, Kitano Maru, Jeypore.

PANAY DEATH ROLL
STILL UNKNOWN

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Ambassador's own words "the bombing was a very grave blunder."

Admission Of Guilt

The authorities are at a loss to account for this damaging admission, which, coupled with earlier unofficial reports that the Japanese commander in that area had allegedly told the Japanese planes to sink all vessels upon the Yangtze, constitutes an admission of guilt upon more than one count, which is felt can lend itself only to the explanation that the Japanese military authorities, locally, if not nationally, were prepared to undertake hostile acts against friendly Powers, while scarcely bothering to conceal their designs.

Despite this severe provocation, however, the State Department is still proceeding slowly. It is indicated that a formal Note will not be presented until all the facts have been ascertained, which may not be for another 24 hours.—Reuter.

Hakone Maru, Katori Maru, Tjisalak, Adrastus and Victoria.

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Swatow	Kanchoo	December 15.
Straits	Kidderpore	December 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Kulsang	December 15.
Amoy	Santha	December 15.
Haiphong	Suiyang	December 15.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (Vancouver B.C., 27th November).	Emp. of Canada	December 15.
Shanghai and Foochow	Soochow	December 15.
Japan	Jeypore	December 15.
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	December 15.
Japan	Sarpedon	December 16.
Manila	Adrastus	December 17.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 18th November.		
Bangkok and Swatow	Hakone Maru	December 17.
Japan and Formosa	Katori Maru	December 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kulsang	December 17.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	December 17.
Jawa	Tjisalak	December 17.
Shanghai	Victoria	December 17.
Haiphong	Canton	December 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco, 17th November)	Pres. Pierce	December 18.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tuesday	
	Haiyang	Tues., Dec. 14, 2 p.m.
	Wednesday	
Kongmoon and (Pakhol via Kongmoon)	Fook On	Wed., Dec. 15, 9.00 a.m.
Air Mail for North China and Eurasia Plane	Eurasia Plane	Wed., Dec. 15.
Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Reg., Dec. 15, 9.00 a.m.
Japan and *San Francisco—due San Francisco, 18th January 1938—and *Europe via Siberia	Bokuyo Maru	Wed., Dec. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kweiyang	Wed., Dec. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Port Bayard and Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	Wed., Dec. 15, 2 p.m.
Japan	Delagou Maru	Wed., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Thursday	
Sandakan	Tai Seun Hong	Thurs., Dec. 16, 8.30 a.m.
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Swatow	Tingsang	Thurs., Dec. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and *Europe via Marseilles Behar	G.F.O. & K.P.O.	Thurs., Dec. 16.
—Due Marseilles, 16th January 1938	Reg.,	Dec. 16, 1.45 p.m.
*Manila, Makassar and Sourebya Tjinegara	Emp. of Canada	Thurs., Dec. 16, 2.30 p.m.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Kitano Maru	Thurs., Dec. 16, 5.00 p.m.
	Friday	
Hollow	Anking	Fri., Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand Changie	Parcels	Fri., Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 26th December	Reg.,	Dec. 17, 9.45 a.m.
Hollow, Pakhol and Haiphong	Kwangtung	Fri., Dec. 17, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Hakone Maru	Fri., Dec. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and President McKinley	Parcels	Fri., Dec. 17, 4.00 p.m.
South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 6th January 1938	Reg.,	Dec. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Katori Maru	Reg.,	Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles, 16th Jan. 1938)	Reg.,	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
	Saturday	
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Service"—due Victoria Amsterdam, 28th December.	G.F.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 18.
	Reg.,	Dec. 18, 4.00 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Victoria	Reg.,	Dec. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Egypt and *Europe via Naples—due Naples, 9th January, 1938	G.F.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 18.
	Reg.,	Dec. 18, 4.15 p.m.
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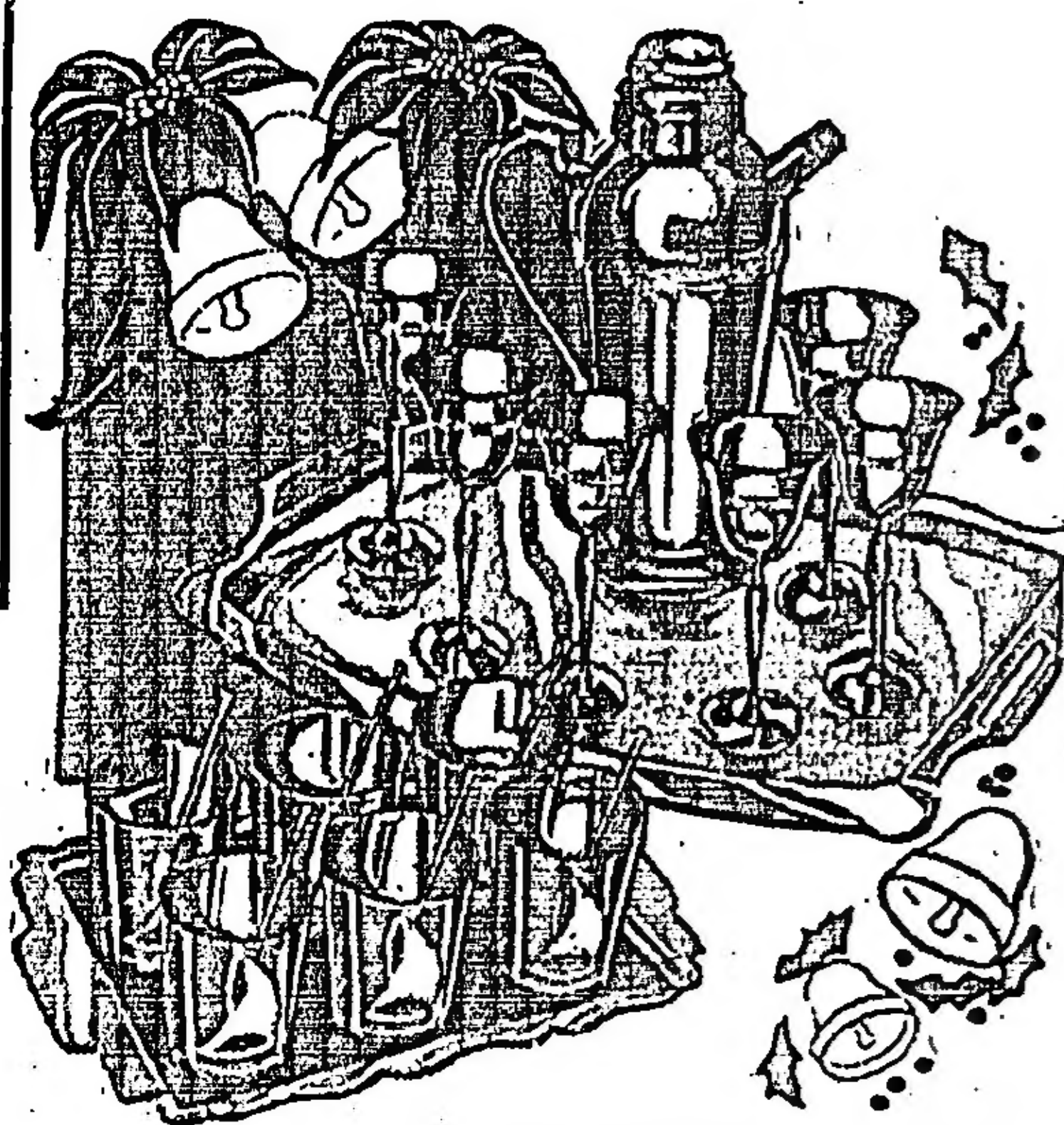
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DEMANDGunboats Should Have
Been Withdrawn

Washington, Dec. 13.
The Navy and State Department have commenced an inquiry into the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, Admiral William D. Leahy said: "We shall have a full report, probably to-day, for the Press."

Meanwhile Representative Hamilton Fish said: "This is one of the episodes that is bound to happen while we adhere to a policy of maintaining ten gunboats in Chinese waters. Those boats should have been withdrawn years ago. In view of the fact that Japan controls the river from Shanghai to Nanking it is best that we get these boats out of the war zone regardless of whether the casualties are heavy, but we must remain cool and not lose our heads."

Representative Maury Maverick said: "We must adopt some policy immediately regarding the Oriental war—preferably strict neutrality. It occurs to me that we should learn, and it is about time, to mind our own business."

Senator Arthur Capper said: "It is a grave matter requiring a full and adequate explanation by those responsible. The gunboats should be withdrawn from the Yangtze, as soon as possible to avoid further complications. We do not want war either with China or Japan."

Senator Tom Connally demanded that "the State Department act promptly and demand full reparations and an apology from the Japanese if they were responsible."

NO PRECIPITATE ACTION

Washington, Dec. 13.
As soon as it is established that the Japanese were responsible for the sinking of Panay, the most stilted worded note yet sent will be dispatched to Tokyo.

However, the way in which both the Government and Congress leaders have received the news makes it

RADIO BROADCAST

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8.15 p.m. "Over the Hill Came Love."
8.25 p.m. The Forum Theatre Orchestra.
8.35 p.m. The Birthday of his Majesty King George VI.
9.10 p.m. Military Band Music.
9.20 p.m. The News and Announcements.
9.30 p.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.43 p.m.
10.15 p.m. Big Ben. Entertainment at St. George's—10.27-10.37.
11.15 p.m. The Birthday of his Majesty King George VI.
11.20 p.m. Music for Royal Occasions.
11.45 p.m. Quarterly Technical Talk—1.
12 a.m. The News and Announcements.
12.15 a.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 12.15 a.m.
12.20 a.m. Keyboard Music through the Ages—11: Modern Spanish Composers.
12.45 a.m. "World Affairs."
1.20 a.m. "This is England" (Second Series).
1.35 a.m. The Willie Walker Octet.
2 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.
2.15 a.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 a.m.
2.20 a.m. The Birthday of his Majesty King George VI.
2.30 a.m. Music for Royal Occasions.
2.45 a.m. "World Affairs."
3.15 a.m. Jack Hull and his Music, with Alex Penney (Soprano).
3.30 a.m. Sea Shanties. The BBC Men's Chorus.
4 a.m. Snooker: H. Lindrum v. T. Newman.
4.20 a.m. The BBC Military Band.
4.45 a.m. Interval.
5 a.m. The News and Announcements.
5.15 a.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 5.15 a.m.
5.20 a.m. "As I See It—7."
5.40 a.m. "Rhythm on the Roof."
6.20 a.m. Musical Interlude.
6.25 a.m. Dance Music.
6.45 a.m. "World Affairs."

certain that there will be no precipitate action.

Instead of staying up and awaiting news, Mr. Cordell Hull went to bed last night determined to sleep on the incident before he and his advisers draft whatever protest is necessary.

The State Department is doing everything possible to make the public reaction as calm as possible. The Washington Herald reflects this determination and says, "America has no interests that can drag us into war because the East is in ferment and our essential policy is to avoid war. We are ill-equipped to wage war and at the same time protect the lives of Americans in the Far East."

It is felt here that had another Lusitania been involved instead of a gunboat, the national indignation would have been tempered by the realities of the situation.—Reuter.

RELATIONS STRAINED

Washington, Dec. 13.
Japanese-American relations have been so strained in recent years

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that as a result of the Panay incident the administration will not be satisfied with apologies and a number of Congressmen already believe that the United States should demand "full satisfaction."

One foreign diplomat said the attack might prove the "turning point" of the undeclared war and might provide "an excellent chance for concerted action by Britain and the United States to stop all hostilities in the Far East."

It is believed that copies of all official despatches regarding the Panay incident are being sent to the White House immediately.

Officials consider that the attack on the Panay is more serious owing to the fact that Admiral Yarnell had repeatedly officially notified the Japanese naval and military authorities of the presence of gunboats on the Yangtze and the purpose of their mission besides their movements.—United Press.

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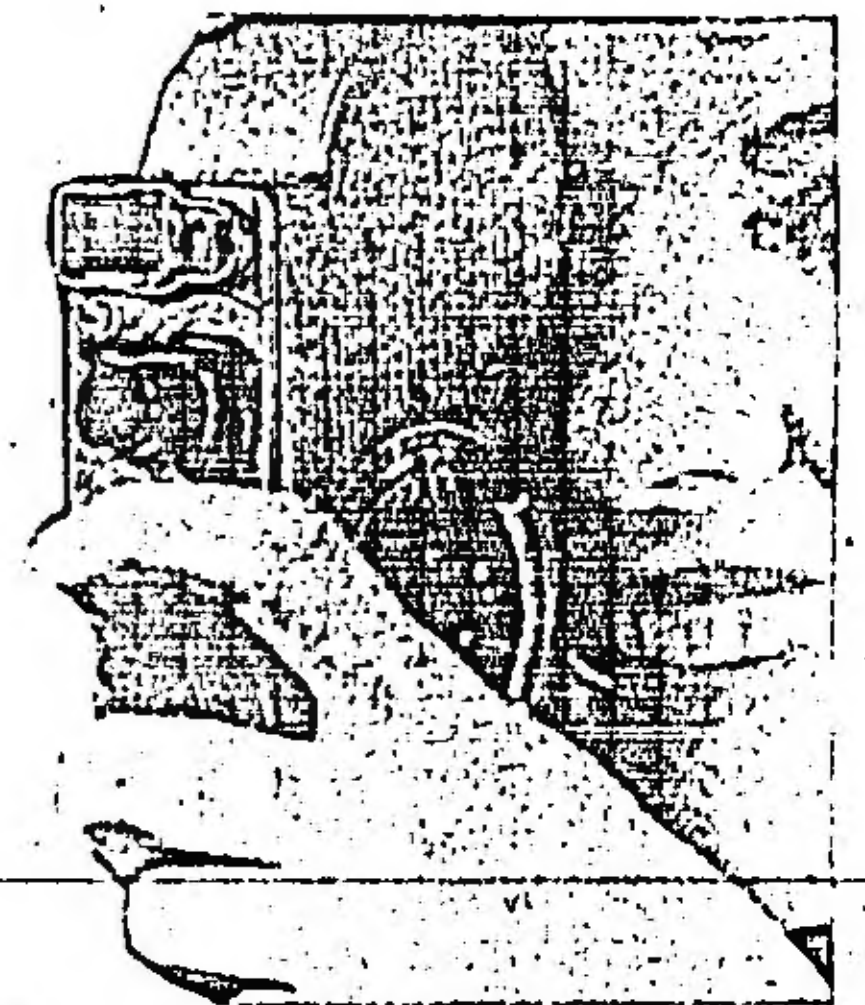
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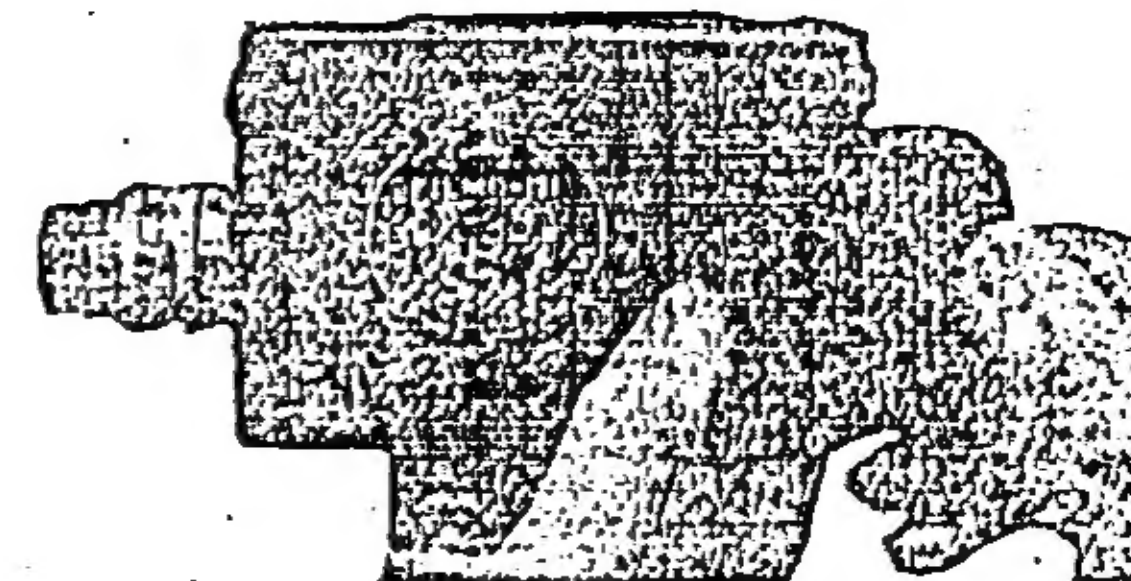
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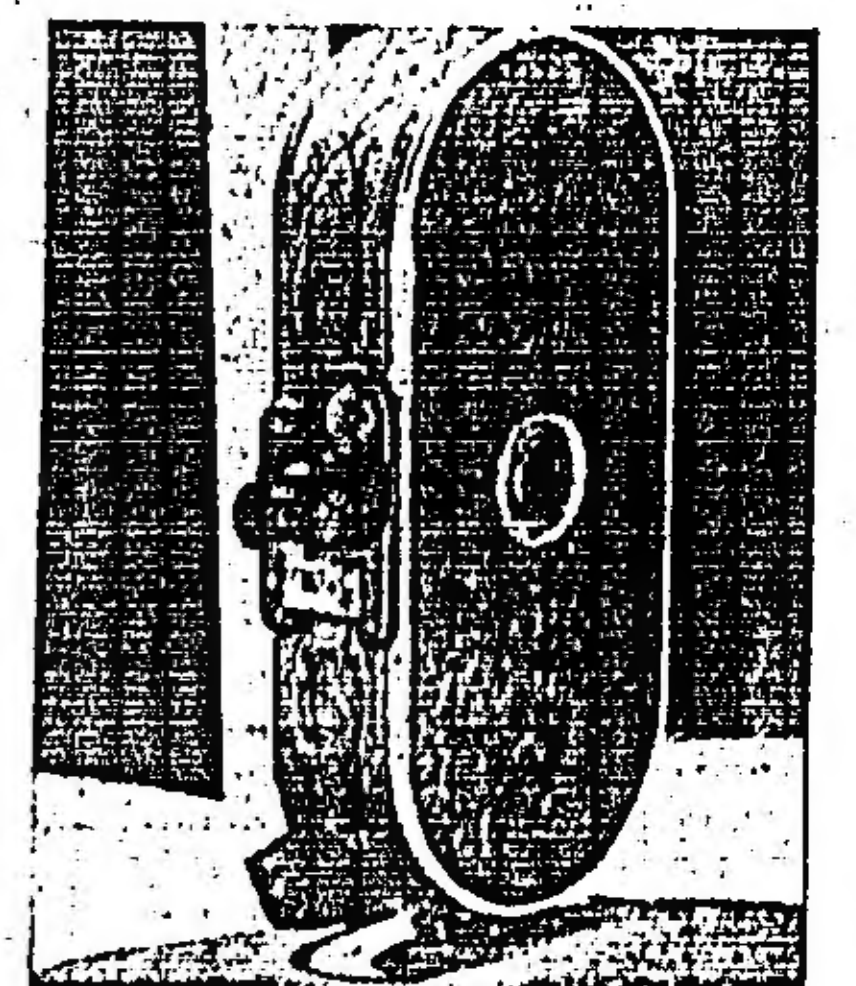
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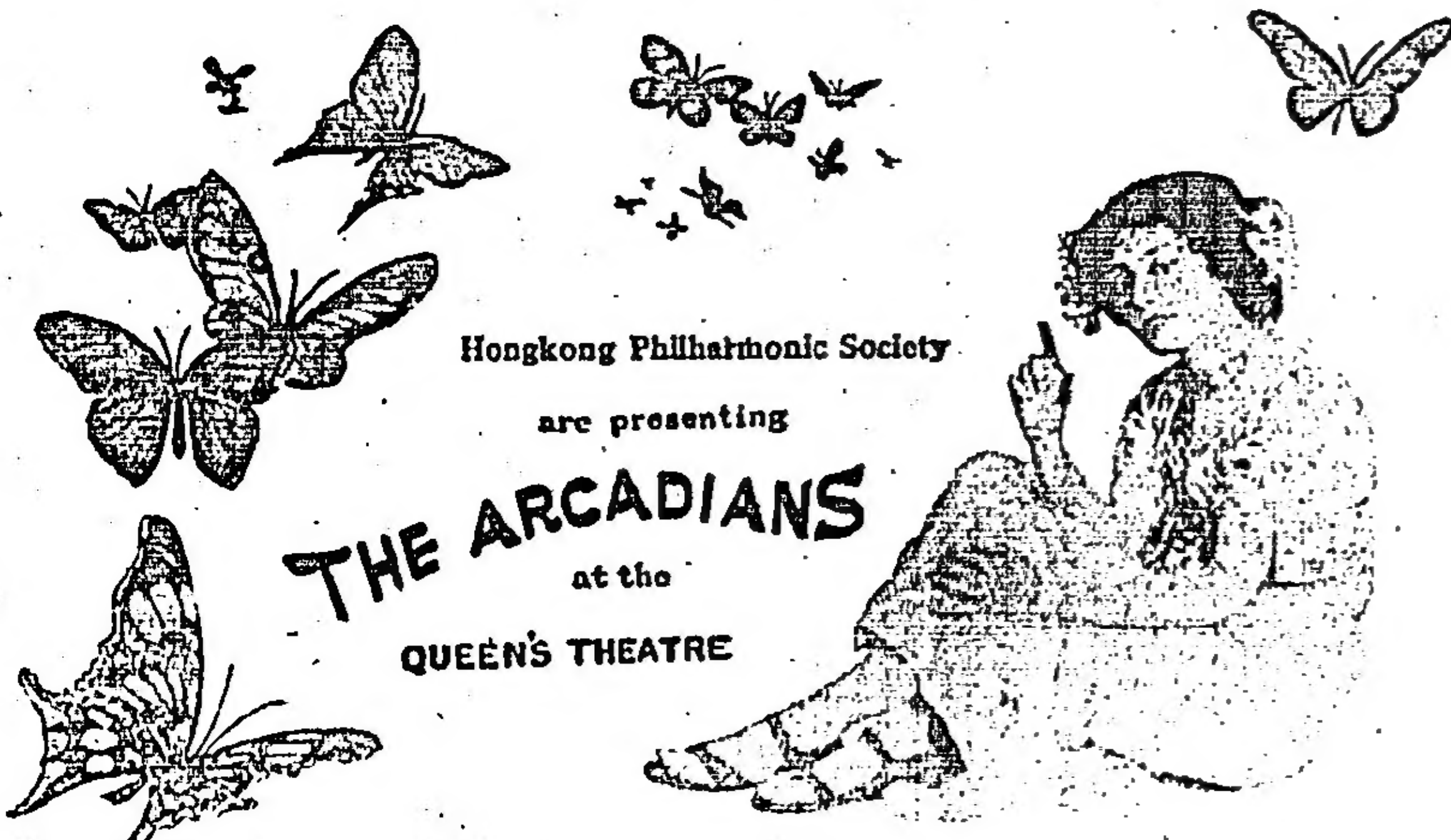
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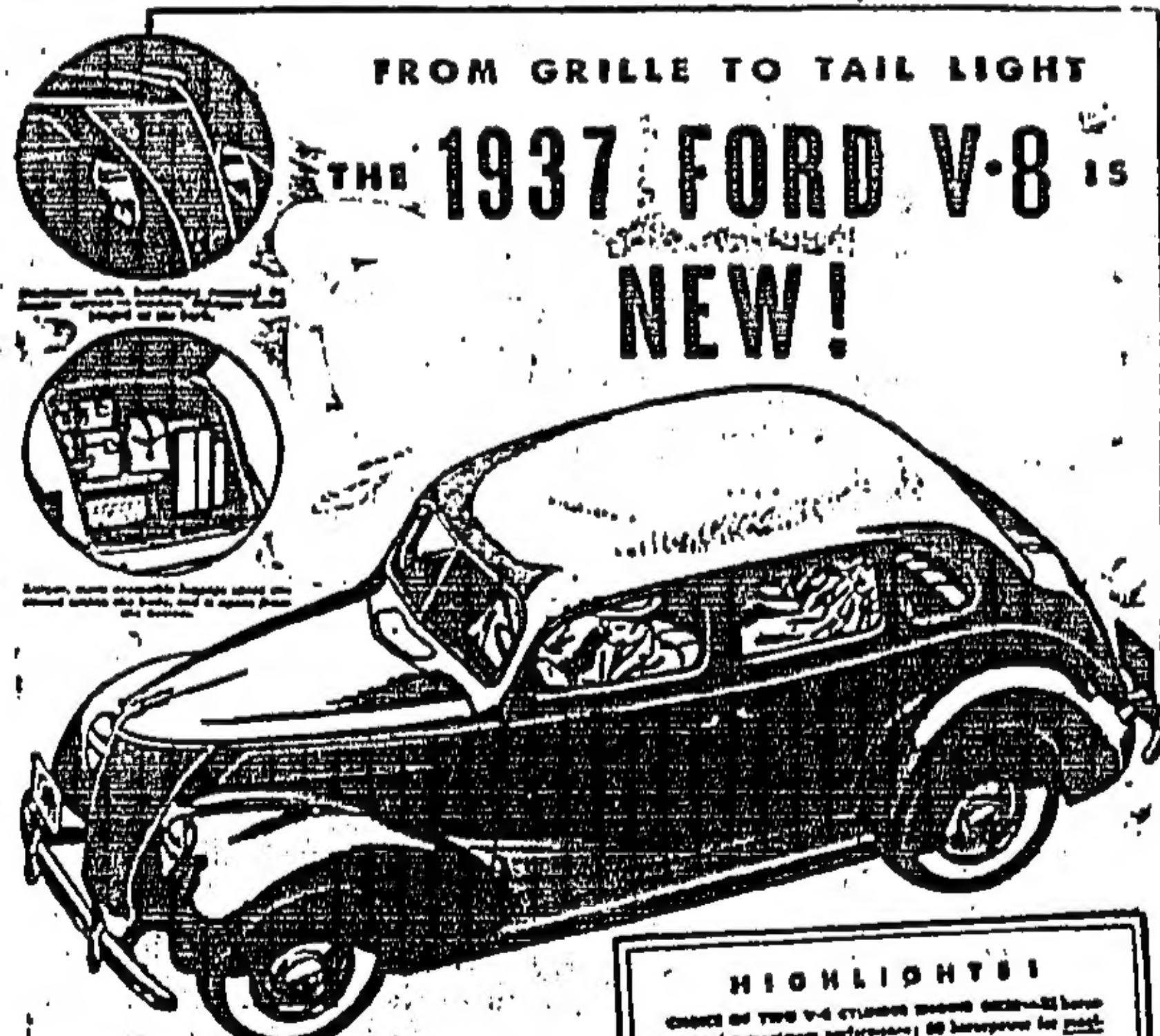
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DANGEROUS INCIDENTS

It seems that Japanese sailors landed at Blackhead Point on Saturday night. The Hongkong Government has sent to London a report on the matter, and in due course there will probably come from the British Government a fitting protest for this breach. While undue importance must not be attached to the episode, as it is very likely that the Japanese were not aware that they were invading neutral territory, it must be pointed out that more caution would be advisable on the part of naval landing parties in the Hongkong area. An extremely delicate situation might very easily be created by such mistakes, particularly if an armed party came into collision with a British police or military patrol. The status of the Japanese under such circumstances would be somewhat dubious. It must be presumed that they would be arrested; and it is entirely likely that they would deeply resent any such action by the British authorities. One cannot help feeling that although Hongkong people will not experience any tremendous indignation at this incident, the Japanese themselves would understand a storm of protest and complaint. If British seamen were to land on Formosa their presence would undeniably create the gravest of complications. When it is remembered with what jealousy Japan guards her territory and the adjacent waters, particularly those areas in the vicinity of fortifications, it would not be misunderstood if an apology and explanation were proffered even before the inevitable protest is delivered. In connection with the attacks on British vessels in the Yangtze River, in one instance at least the Japanese have explained that the action of the gunners was "a mistake." They have not indicated whether the aircraft which three times attacked two gunboats were aware that their targets were British men-of-war, but it seems incredible that the airmen should have been ignorant of the fact. Explanations of all these incidents will be made in due course, but in the meantime British lives are in danger and the question of what steps should be taken to remedy the situation presses for an answer. The British Navy's response to future attacks by aircraft will be immediate. The ships will open fire. Perhaps if one of the attackers is put out of action by British gunners it will have the effect of making Japanese airmen more cautious. No repetition of the Panay tragedy is required to bring home to all parties the terrible danger to which neutrals are exposed in the Yangtze and the possibility of international repercussions.

Miss Shirley Temple earns 20 times as much as Mr. Eden...



I HAD a sinking feeling when I opened the mail recently and saw a bunch of Shirley Temple pictures airmailed from the coast. Suddenly a thing was made clear to me and I could see a vista down the years. Shirley Temple as a baby in "little miss marker." Shirley Temple as a little girl in "Stowaway." Shirley Temple as a BIT BIGGER girl in "Wee Willie Winkie." SHIRLEY TEMPLE AS A SCHOOLGIRL IN "REBECCA OF SUNNYBROOK FARM." SHIRLEY TEMPLE IS PLAYING INGENUE LEAD IN SOME JANET GAYNOR OPUS IN 1940. SHIRLEY TEMPLE RE-VIVING KNOCKABOUT MATRIMONY (Myrna Loy style) IN 1945.... There's no end to it. I have a feeling I shall fetch up in some television cinema, when I am very old, to find Shirley Temple, looking like Beryl Mercer, playing "Over the Hill" and going to the workhouse with a better grace than any workhouse was ever gone to before. It is simply this question of manners that scares me. I find I leave this young woman's films feeling like a tramp, feeling I haven't any crease to my trousers, feeling that I beat my wife. And I have stopped beating my wife. THE manners of this child are so good I haven't a doubt they are going to have a huge effect on the next generation. We shall look around us in 1950 and find a world, not peopled by roving hordes of bandits,

across the world has ever known. You see? It's baffling. I am having my manners dictated to me. I am forced to sit by and watch a new generation growing up with manners ready made for them by a kid who climbs all over Trevor Wignall, shows him her rabbits and doesn't know she's famous.

THE question of conduct is made more sharply provocative by the delightful decline in adult manners on the screen of recent years.

Even Mr. Colman is willing these days to admit the possibility that he might be a cad. I saw a new picture of his on Tuesday afternoon in which he had, to say to Madeleine Carroll these magnificent words:—

"Don't look now, or I may forget that I am supposed to be a king!"

I think there's a nice homey touch about that. And I like, too, to see pictures where Mr. Frederic March is clipping Carole Lombard on the jaw, or Myrna Loy turns heel over tip-tilted nose with a lot of Christ-mas parcels.

Pictures like that make me feel my manners aren't so bad after all. But Shirley Temple pictures make me feel low.

MASTER Freddie Bartholomew makes me feel low, too. And lower still, with the suspicion that this Shirley Temple thing may not be a phenomenon, but a conspiracy.

Master Bartholomew now earns £19,000 a year. And I was reading yesterday how he was at a party and saw that brilliant London actor, Miles Mander, sitting around. So Mr.

Bartholomew goes up to Mr. Mander and puts his hand on his shoulder and says, "Working, old man?" I have the same worry on my mind that John Knox had when he wrote about his monstrous regiment of women. I have a feeling that I am being marched on by battalions of child prodigies.

It is clear that there is an uneasiness abroad about the whole thing. A few months ago a London news editor instructed his New York correspondent to investigate a credible rumour that Shirley Temple is really a dwarf, aged forty-five.

And last week I was reading a silly but most serious article in a weekly by a writer who is convinced that the child is nothing but a miniature Mae West.

Both these I regard as signs of a fear complex among the adult classes; as desperate, involuntary rearward actions against the onslaught of the children.

I have a friend called Mr. Budgeon who works in the City, and every time he sees me he says, "Can you tell me why Shirley Temple earns ten times as much as Anthony Eden?" As though I was responsible.

I always have to buy him a drink and explain that Shirley Temple earns TWENTY times as much as Anthony Eden because more than twenty times as many people want to see her, and that whereas Mr. Eden's job is very difficult and he makes some mistakes, Miss Temple's is comparatively simple, and she makes none. He is still suspicious. But while I sympathise with his alarm, my greater concern is with the millions of children throughout the world who all want to be like Shirley Temple, mum. Anything may happen to them.

Last term, my son (rising nine) came home from boarding school with a good report. I was scared; the enemy was closing in on me. I counter-attacked.

"Do you like Shirley Temple?" I asked him, very casually. "No; she's too fat. I prefer Ginger Rogers," said my son.

Thank heaven for that.

**Paul
 Holt**

This Chart Shows the Dangerous Marriage

THREE new Divorce Court judges are to be appointed to deal with divorces resulting from the A. P. Herbert Marriage Act, which comes into force on January 1.

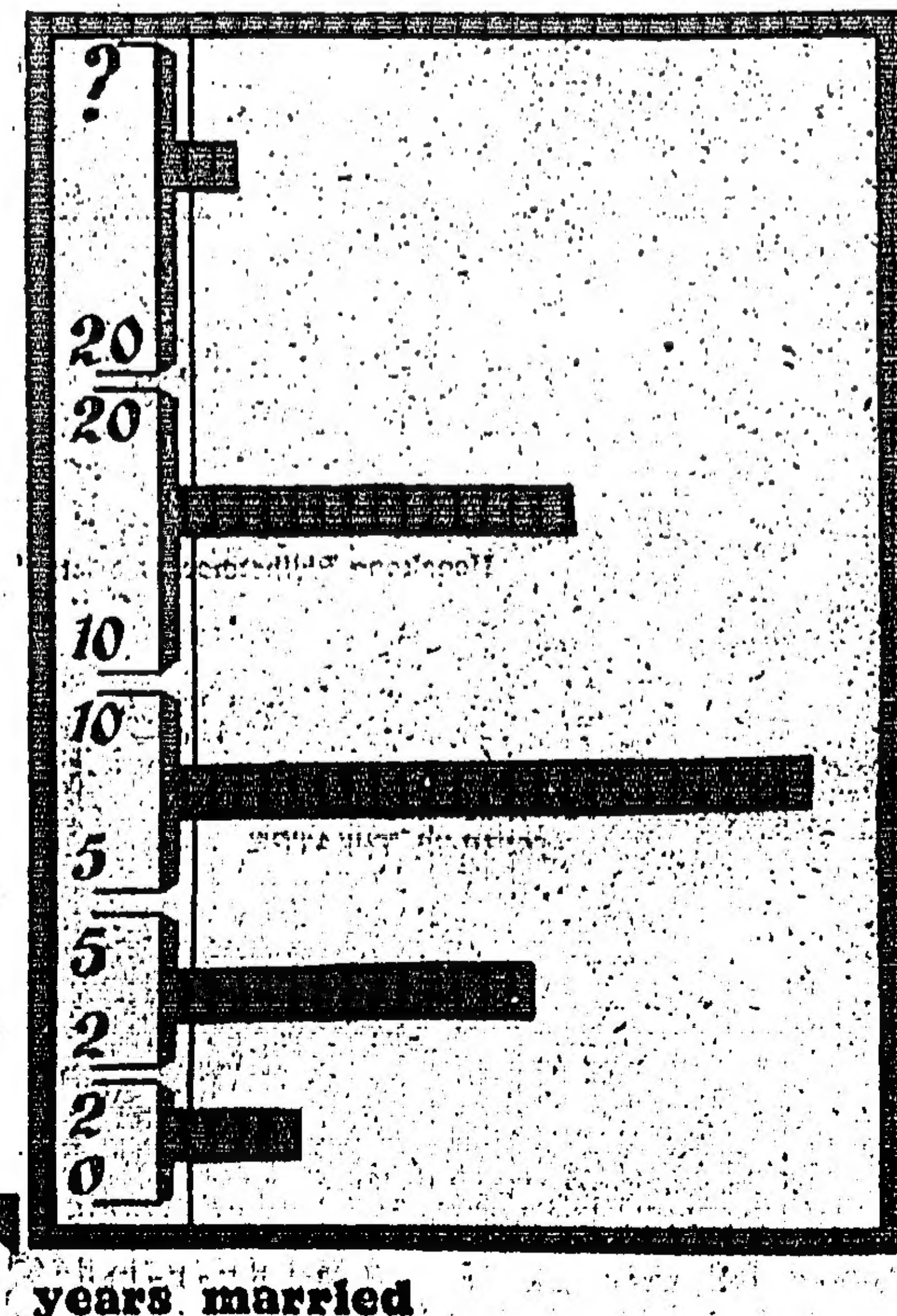
Divorce arrears have been piling up for some time. There are 2,000 cases to be heard at the Law Courts this term.

In England and Wales we have more than 5,000 marriages dissolved a year—as compared with 350,000 marriages. So you see that as things stand the chance that your marriage will end in failure is about 1.4 per cent.

This chart shows which are the danger years for married couples.

Of the dissolutions—
 1 per cent. take place after the marriage has lasted less than two years.
 11 per cent. take place after the marriage has lasted between two and five years.
 33 per cent. take place after the marriage has lasted between five and ten years.
 41 per cent. take place after (Continued on Page 4.)

give rise to the suspicion that while the official intentions of the Japanese are above question, the actions of certain officers are dubious to say the least. The recklessness of individuals, if it is not downright and deliberate hostility, has already caused incidents which might very easily be interpreted as acts of war.



Cricket Notes

Kowloon C.C. Surprised By I.R.C.

A REVIEW OF JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES

(By "R. Abbit")

When in last Friday's article I referred to the recent improvement of the I.R.C. second eleven and warned Kowloon not to be too confident, I confess I did not think that the odds against a Kowloon defeat were less than ten to one. But in the game last Saturday at the K.C.C. the home side were definitely and decidedly beaten by what was a far better side, and as before, I. Ali had a very large share in the victory of his team.

I myself cannot call to mind that he has played any League cricket before this season—but he has obviously been well taught to play the game somewhere. His batting is definitely stylish, and if it is a bit slow, this is a fault he will mend later. I have no doubt. The only thing I don't quite like is a defensive back shot which, though giving the effect of a straight bat with the left elbow up, actually is played with a flourish or twist of the wrists which causes the ball to travel across the line of the ball from off to leg in a sort of pendulum motion.

K.C.C.'s POOR SHOW

The home side have little excuse, as they won the toss and had first use of a wicket which was a very good one as far as could be seen. The opening pair, Dand and Mulvaney made quite a fair start putting up 23 for the first wicket. But thereafter McKenzie alone played a decent knock though Hall and Gray got double figures and made it possible for the side to send up the hundred. The strength of the Kowloon batting was, on paper, undoubted but they seem to have struck the same patch in which the first eleven bats are stuck! Baxter, who is a very useful bat, is out of form at present, and he and the two Broadbent only managed seven runs between them. Three other batsmen only collected eight and the result was not good!

When the Indians started their innings it looked for a short time as if they might lose the game after all as they opened slowly. Several leg balls which should have gone for four were either missed or put away for one, and they paid great respect to the not very dangerous looking deliveries of Luke and McKenzie. The latter was over-pitching them a good deal on the off and a hard-hitting batsman would have punished him heavily, I fancy. However, he got in one good length ball and Rumball played outside it and was bowled. This was just after Barma had entirely mistimed a simple off ball from Luke and presented mid-off with the simplest of catches. Two were down for ten and a Kowloon win seemed possible if they could prevent Ali from setting down.

A LONG STAND

This, however, they could not do and he and M. I. Razack settled down.

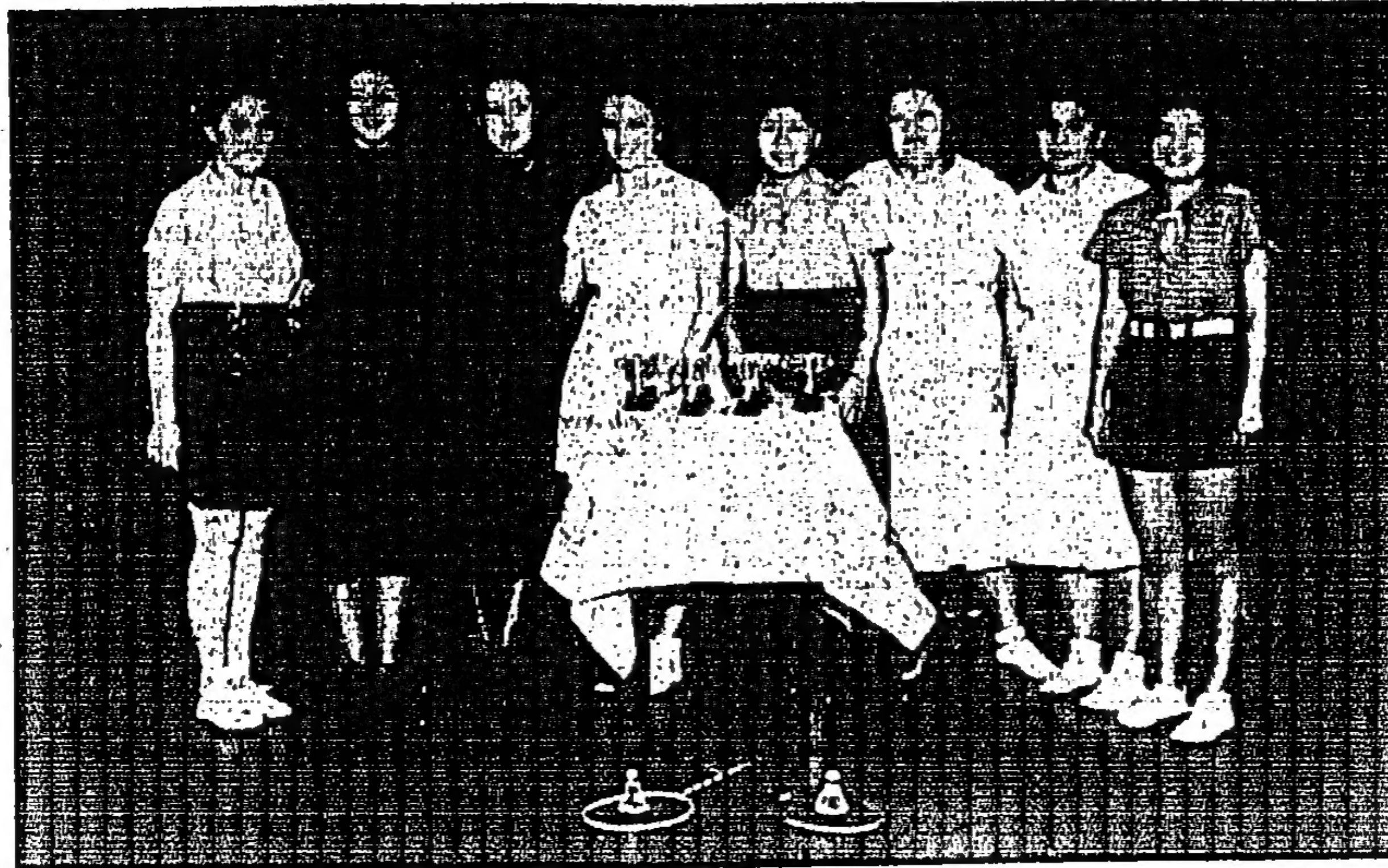
The scoring was very slow for a long time and Ali was the slower of the two, but they were not exactly behind the clock and the rate of scoring increased as time went on. Just before the hundred was hoisted Luke bowled Razack whose 53 had been a great factor in winning the match. The rest of the runs were speedily knocked off and Ali completed his half-century, being 55 not out at the close of play. As he had taken 3 wickets for 39 he can look back on a very good afternoon's work. Rumball too bowled very well as he sent down 17 overs unchanged (five maidens) taking 4 wickets for 44 runs. This I.R.C. win was their second League victory. I suspect, however, in spite of their great improvement that they depend for runs very largely on two or three men.

A TINY SCORE

Once more the Civil Service second eleven bowlers did their stuff. On Saturday last and Kowloon were all out for 84. MacGowan had a field day as his figures were 10—4—28—0—in excellent bit of work. Booker had two for nine but Haynes's two were more expensive. When, however, the C.S. came to take the bat (as they used to say in the old days) they performed even worse than usual and a total of 13 must, I think, be very nearly a record for a League game. I seem to recall many years ago (no, it was not the Civil Service) some side was out for eleven runs but I think it was a friendly and anyway I can't remember who it was. (In January, 1935, University 1st XI were dismissed for 12 runs by the I.R.C. in a League match at Pokfulam. Frank Pereira took all ten wickets for five runs! Sports Ed.) But good as Alves's figures were they are certainly not a record as 6—4—0—0 is nothing like as good as 6—4—0—0 which were E. B. Reed's figures against the University in a first League game a long time ago. I mentioned these about a month ago.

NAVY WIN AGAIN

The Navy second eleven are doing themselves very well this year and are on top of the Junior League table at present. They are a most cheery side and have several very useful cricketers. The League is in a very open position, and several sides have a chance. I see, however, that the Navy have no less than five League games down for decision on



Winners of the Ladies' Badminton Tournament at the Club de Recreio.—Photo by King's P. O.

BADMINTON LEAGUE TIES

University "B" Success

Only two matches were played in the "A" Division of the Badminton League last evening.

After three defeats, University "B" won their first League points by beating Recreio "B" at King's Park by six games to three. The tie was fixed to be played at the Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium, but was played at the Recreio on the request of the undergraduates.

As expected, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat St. Andrew's, conceding one game.

LEAGUE TABLES

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
University "A"	3	3	0	0	25	2	6
Recreio "A"	3	3	0	0	23	4	6
Chinese "Y"	4	3	1	0	26	10	6
King's College "B"	1	2	0	10	17	2	2
University "B"	4	1	3	0	13	23	2
St. Andrew's	1	4	0	10	35	2	2
Recreio "B"	4	1	3	0	10	26	2

or after January 8 and I gather fleet movements may be on their side. But they could do with one more good 'stock' bowler anyway.

On Saturday last they were up against the not very strong Army "B" side (I have an idea Camp does not help some of the Army teams)—and won very conclusively. The Army started well enough as Painter (23) and Smith (29) put up about 50 for the first wicket but after that except Patterson (28 not out) and Coombes (16) no one could do much, and the former carried his bat out. The score of 117 was not very serious obstacle and, as often has happened this year, Waymouth and Flynn gave the Navy a useful start. With a certain amount of assistance from the others the latter proceeded to take most of the burden on his own shoulders and hit up an excellent seventy not out. The game was won by six wickets with plenty of time in hand. Just after the winning hit, D'Arcy Evans was smartly caught at the wicket.

CLUB ARRESTED BY POLICE

The progress of the H.K.C.C. in the Junior League was rudely arrested by the Police who won convincingly on the Club ground. The fact that these three men scored 63 out of the Club's total of 88 is a useful commentary on the general weakness of the batting. By the way, I was rather surprised to see Stoker went in last. My recollection is that he has in the past played some hard slashing innings and is quite capable of knocking bowlers off their length. Or is this part of the Far-Eastern Amnesia that is rapidly falling upon me? Anyway some such person would have been useful to the Club as Pope and Baker walked through most of them and Carey, tried at last, got a couple of quick wickets. Pope is in great form this season and Baker seems to be coming back to form.

CIVIL SERVICE DEFEAT

SAPPERS

Owing to misunderstanding with the cricket representative of the R.E.'s, who was, I believe, out in camp, it was only at 12 o'clock on Saturday that their captain (Hodgkinson, I think) learned that a game had been arranged. He himself, I regret to hear, is laid up with a poisoned foot, but he very sportingly undertook to raise a team and he managed to collect ten men. The first three wickets went down rapidly and after Baker, who had bowled very well with the new ball, was taken off McEllan got a couple of quick wickets and five wickets were down for 10. However Tudor, Dawson and Bradford all managed to get some runs and showed greater par-

ST. JOSEPH'S HOLDS UP H.K. POLICE

Exciting Hockey Encounter

Playing their second match yesterday St. Joseph's College met and drew with the Police in a fast and exciting hockey encounter, each side scoring three goals.

K. Singh and A. Sequeira were the pick of forward line for the College, the former supplying many beautiful passes down the wing. Ramben, at centre forward, also shone, while the backs came to the fore with some good hitting.

A few minutes after the game commenced, the police found the net through Narwant Singh, their outside-left, and ten minutes later they again scored from a short corner, the ball going to Narwant who netted once again with a nice drive. The third goal was scored by their centre-forward at the closing stages of the first half.

Beginning the second half with three goals down, the College boys opened strongly and took the ball to the Police area, forcing a short corner, which resulted in Ramben netting well. Soon after, K. Singh scored with a grand flick shot.

Spurred on by their success, the schoolboys made brilliant dashes down the field, tricking the Police players time and again to finally gain the equalising goal through Ramben.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be held in the Board room of the South China Morning Post at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, December 17.

Quality for the slower bowlers, Wood and Richardson, Bradford at the end hit well, and the score finally reached 122. I have not yet managed to discover the origin of the rumour that Hawkins bowled three overs to start with the Civil Service. He did not go on at all.

The Civil Service batsmen however were far too good for the Sappers' bowling. Richardson's debut was not seeing them and was caught at cover point off what I have heard described as an almighty swipe. After his duck, however, Colledge and Perry sent up the hundred before the former was brilliantly thrown out by cover point. Perry retired at 50 and McEllan had a merry time, with Brown getting the last wicket, batting practice at the other end.

The game may have been rather one-sided but in these days of amazing cricket apathy it is most pleasant to record the thoroughly sporting effort of the Sappers who with half of their men in camp raised their team between 12 noon and 2 p.m. They made a very good fight of it too, for the Civil Service were at full strength with the exception of Griffiths whose hand is not quite fit yet.

LOW SCORING AT C.C.C.

I do not know what has happened to all the batting in the Colony but it is perfectly amazing what small scores are being recorded this season. At Craggengower the first eleven, which seemed as far as I could see to be at full strength, only managed 80 runs against the Club de Recreio. However, it was very nearly enough, for it was only a most useful 39 by E. L. Gosano and 10 not out by A. M. Rodrigues that enabled the visitors to bring their total to 83. They also seemed to be at full strength, possibly with one exception, and I have heard no explanation for it.

There is no space to deal with the other matches in this article but I must take this opportunity of expressing my regret—and I feel sure all cricketers will join me—in the untimely death of A. B. Dale. I believe he had played for the first Navy team on occasion but he was a regular member of the Navy second team. He was a very useful bowler and he will be greatly missed in the cricket field here.

THIRD ROUND OF F.A. CUP

Chelsea Omitted From Cable

In cabling the draw in the third round of the English F. A. Cup, Reuter has omitted Chelsea from the list.

Chelsea more than likely is among the first dozen teams. The draw, as cabled by Reuter, is as follows: Grimsby v. Swindon, Doncaster, Sheffield United, Crystal Palace, Liverpool, Brentford, Fulham, Everton, Derby, Stoke, Bury v. South Liverpool or Brighton.

Aldershot v. Notts County. Arsenal v. Bolton. Sunderland v. Watford. Wolves v. Barnsley. Manchester v. Manchester C. Tottenham v. Blackburn. Tranmere v. Portsmouth. Bradford C. v. Chesterfield. Notts F. v. Southampton.

Clapton O. v. Coventry. West Brom. v. Newcastle. Manchester U. v. Yeovil & Petters. Leeds v. Chester. Charlton v. Cardiff or Bristol C.

Move For Brighter Cricket

London, Nov. 23. Drawn matches will not play in next summer's Australian test tour of England.

The first big move for brighter cricket was made this week when the Board of Control decided that if England or Australia lead by no more than one of the four-day tests when the final game is due at the Oval, that match will be played to a finish.

Previously it paid a side leading by two to one to play for a draw in the fourth Test to prevent a decider in the final Test. This is the new rule compared with that in force in the 1934 series.

IN 1934 "If, after the fourth Test match, neither side has won two matches, or if the results are even, then the fifth Test match shall be played to a finish."

NOW "The last Test match will be played to a finish if, after the fourth Test the difference in matches won is not greater than one."

Commenting on the new regulation, a prominent M.C.C. official said: "The change will prevent a repetition of the happenings in 1935, when South Africa won the second test at Lord's and concentrated on drawing the next two."

NEW ZEALAND TOUR PROFIT Profits from last season's Test matches against New Zealand and the Test trial match resulted in a distributable surplus of £2,809. Each first class county will receive approximately £90 and £10 17s. will go to each minor county.

Incidentally, arrangements have been made for the Oxford and Cambridge match next season to begin on a Saturday. The change is to be regarded as an experiment, as a Sunday, with a possibility of rain once the game has been begun, has never been considered quite fair. The dates fixed for next year's match are July 2, 4 and 5.

CEYLONESE CRICKET TEAM FOR MALAYA

FAMOUS PLAYERS AMONG SELECTED SIDE

Singapore, Dec. 2.

It is now certain that a team of Ceylonese cricketers of very high standard will visit Malaya in the spring.

Discussions have been proceeding for some time and have finally resulted in definite arrangements for a tour by a team sailing from Colombo on April 10, and leaving Malaya on May 4, giving them almost three weeks in this country.

A famous player in Dr. Gunasekera will captain the team, which will include an Oxford Blue in F.C. de Saram and others who have won distinction in the game in England and Ceylon.

Mystery Of Walter Lindrum

SNOOKERS GREAT POPULARITY

By Frank Foxon

Walter Lindrum might well be called the mystery man of billiards. In no other realm of sport can I remember a case similar to that of the incomparable Walter. Here was a man still young and complete master of his art who suddenly "went into the blue" and faded out of the game.

It is like Henry Irving, at his zenith, playing in "The Bells" and suddenly throwing in his cards—tired of it all. Lindrum has apparently made up his mind never to return to England, and one never sees any references to his exploits in Australia. His nephew, Horace, has not heard from him or of him for a long time. I would very much like to know the real reason for Walter Lindrum's retirement—for he has retired to all intents and purposes. Is it a case of Alexander sighing for new worlds to conquer or is he merely bored with his own excellence?

There is no sign at all of any decrease in the popularity of snooker. For every game of billiards played to-day there are at least 20 games of snooker. Indeed, many of the young men to be seen playing snooker every day in the public halls have never played billiards in their lives, and do not know the beauty of the older game.

I can understand the popularity of snooker from the point of view of those who pay to watch, for each frame is a separate fight, lasting on the average less than 20 minutes. That must be more interesting than watching a week's game of billiards which often became a procession after the first three days or so.

But on the intrinsic merits of the two games, I think billiards has it all the way, for it is incomparably the more skillful game with an artistry all its own. How John Rowan would have struggled those broad shoulders of his at the idea of snooker ever supplanting billiards! And yet it has done so for the time being at any rate.

I wonder if any amateur will be found this season to challenge the supremacy of Kingsley Kennerley. One never knows, for when a new standard of excellence is set up players have a habit of rising to the occasion. Think of how Walter Lindrum "pulled out" Davis and Newman who are incomparably better players to-day than they were when Lindrum paid his first visit to England.

In amateur billiards we have seen constant progress since the days of S. H. Fry. We all thought that the standard made by that most versatile stroke player would never be equaled—and we were wrong. Following him came Coles and Kennerley, and I think all of them would have beaten Fry when he was at his best.

I will make one prophecy—that Kennerley's break of 549 in last season's Amateur Championship will not be beaten. He is very long odds against an amateur making a break of over 500 in two successive seasons.

Never To Run Again At Aintree

By Watchman

Followers of National Hunt racing are naturally interested in Reynolds-town, one of the few horses who have twice won the Grand National.

He is now 10 years old, and is to be given a certain amount of racing this winter. But he will not be entered for the Grand National. Nor will he ever run at Aintree again. This I have on the authority of his owner-trainer Major Noel Furlong, who says that the horse has accomplished all that he could be reasonably expected to do at Liverpool.

"It would be too much to hope," adds Major Furlong, "that the luck would go Reynolds-town's way if he endeavored to 'win' yet another Grand National. I should lament to see him knocked over by a 10st horse or perhaps some other mishap occur to him in the race."

From the details given below of the nine players who have already signified their intention of making the trip it will be seen that the touring side will have an abundance of both batting and bowling talent, with several gifted all-rounders:

Dr. C. H. Gunasekera: All-rounder and ex-Middlesex player. F. C. de Saram: Oxford Blue. R. Senanayake: History played for All-Ceylon and scored well against the last M.C.C. side.

S. S. Jayewickreme: Opening swerve bowler and the best batsman at present in Ceylon. He scored a century against an Indian team which included the test match bowlers Amar Singh and Nissar.

H. B. Kanangara: All-rounder and former vice-captain of the Sinhalese C.C. Ceylon.

L. D. S. Gunasekera: Left-hand opening batsman, who generally opens for All-Ceylon; useful change bowler.

I. Rasanayagam: All-rounder who has played for the Indian Gymkhana Club.

J. H. de Silva: Played for Oxford University Authentics and Harlequins. Scored a century in Oxford trial; is a left-hand batsman and a fast bowler; has played for All-Ceylon.

S.C.C. ARRANGING FIXTURES At the request of the organizers of the tour the itinerary is being sponsored by the Singapore Cricket Club who have offered the loan of the Club paddling for all matches played in Singapore. The Club have also undertaken to negotiate with up-country clubs for fixtures to be fulfilled elsewhere.

It is claimed that the team will be equal if not superior in strength to this year's Singapore resident, the captaincy of Sir Julien Cahn. Most of the players are professional men but the team will be representative of Ceylon, though it will be unofficial.

During their stay in Malaya the Ceylonese cricketers will be the guests of a Singapore resident, who will be leaving for Colombo this month in order to finalise arrangements for the tour.

BOXER HURT IN CAR CRASH

London, Nov. 23. Nel Tarleton, a feather-weight champion, was badly hurt in a car crash in Queen's Drive, Liverpool, yesterday.

Tarleton, with Mr. Douglas Yendon, was driving when after striking a tree the car crashed into a lamp standard. The ex-champion's head hit the wind-screen and he was knocked unconscious.

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It is operated by hand and has a foot stirrup. This is the chief means of putting out small fires. This other one is a portable fire pump, which takes 120 gallons and draws its supply from any source such as the tanks, pump or sea water.

SHANGHAI FIRES

In regard to the functions of the government fire brigade you will, of course, realise that the fire appliances already provided are to cover the anticipated peace time risks and it is the practice, since the advent of up-to-date mechanical appliances, to centralize such appliances as far as possible leaving the extremities of a city with sub-stations to deal with local calls. This system, which works admirably, under peace time conditions is not so easily worked in war time and, in Hongkong and Kowloon, it would be necessary to revise the peace time working.

This is emphasized by the recent experience of the Shanghai Fire Brigade in the recent trouble in that area where preconceived ideas of attendance of municipal fire appliances at fires had to go "by the board" owing to the numerous calls on the service. Fires, which under peace time measures would have had an attendance from three to ten fire engines had to be dealt with by one alone with a skeleton crew who were left to cope with a situation, in many cases, beyond their control.

LOCAL EQUIPMENT

Reverting to local conditions; the peace time organization of Hongkong fire brigade consists of ten European professional Fire Brigade officers; 17 Chinese sub officers and 260 other ranks.

On Hongkong Island we have four heavy duty motor pumps of varying capacities up to 700 gallons per minute; two light duty motor pumps; one fire float of 2,000 gallons per minute; capable of operating along the whole of the waterfront of the Island.

In Kowloon there are four heavy duty motor pumps of capacities up to 700 gallons per minute and one light duty motor pump; one steam fire float of 4,000 gallons per minute, capable of operating along the waterfront of the peninsula.

The rural districts in the New Territories have four motor trailer pumps of light capacity.

It would be necessary, under air raid conditions to revise the peace time methods of operating these appliances by limiting the attendance to one fire appliance per call and augmenting as necessary according to the risks involved. I have already mentioned the possibility of damage to water mains caused by bombs and the possibility of restricted supplies at low volume and pressure. It is here, that owing to the favourable topographical features of the colony, the fireboats could be used to considerable advantage in relaying supplies of salt water in sufficient quantity to serve the land fire appliances engaged at fires.

RESERVE BRIGADE

Details have already been considered in regard to the question of forming a Fire Brigade Reserve force commencing with 50 men. It is proposed that these men will receive elementary training in the handling of fire apparatus with a view to assisting the permanent members of the Brigade in an emergency either with the Fire Brigade proper or detailed to fire posts in key premises where they would assist the fire parties already organised there.

A good working knowledge of the use of fire apparatus is the object to be achieved in the training of the reserves so that they in turn, can assist in the training of men manning the fire posts.

In regard to key premises which I have already mentioned it is the in-

attention to select these carefully with the idea of building up a reserve of apparatus and men at each point to hold fires in check pending the arrival of the heavier appliances. Various measures will require consideration to meet the special conditions under which the fire brigade might have to operate in dealing with air raid fires.

CALL FACILITIES

One of these is the improvement and augmentation of the facilities for receiving calls at the fire stations, especially as the street fire alarm systems are not fully developed in Hongkong and Kowloon. In the event of an air raid resulting in many fires occurring at the same time, serious delay in calling the brigade might be expected. Under these circumstances additional means of calling the brigade will require to be provided. Messengers on bicycles will be a reliable method of giving calls, when telephonic communication is broken down or rendered difficult.

Where fire posts are formed, wheeled handcarts or tricycles will be stationed with sufficient portable apparatus to enable small fires in the near vicinity to be dealt with promptly, thereby avoiding any possible delay which might be experienced by the breakdown of communications whether it be of a temporary or longer nature.

2.—Regret that my reference to this part of the lecture must be brief, but to sum up, everything will be done to organise the available fire resources on such a basis that each district will be protected.

In regard to hints to householders I think it can have been gathered from my previous remarks What the essential features are, but a re-iteration will not be amiss. On the following precautions.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

1.—The responsible persons of the household to organise the inmates.

2.—Remove all inflammable fittings to a safe place. These include bedding of all descriptions, clothing, paperware, curtains, mosquito nets.

3.—Demolish and dispose of all thin wooden partitions. This is going to be a hardship on Chinese tenement dwellers.

4.—Distribute sand, which must already have been provided, over the upper floors and place sand and water in buckets at hand, ready for use, but remember that water must not be used on any portion of an incendiary bomb.

5.—Instruct the able-bodied members of the household for duty at various points of the structure.

6.—See that sick and infirm persons, women and children are removed to the ground floor, or other place of safety.

7.—During the course of an air raid keep in safe positions ready for action.

8.—If an incendiary bomb strikes and enters the premises, endeavour to cover it with sand, dry earth, or metal sheets and deal with fire which has spread to woodwork or other inflammable fittings by using water or chemical fire extinguishers if available.

9.—Despatch a messenger to the nearest fire post and call the Fire Brigade.

This concluded the lecture which was received with applause.

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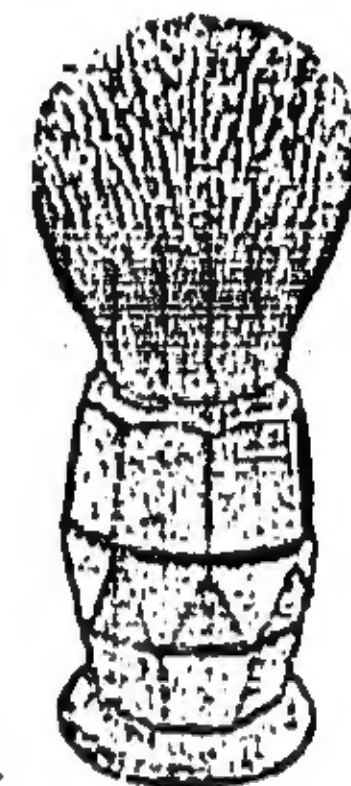
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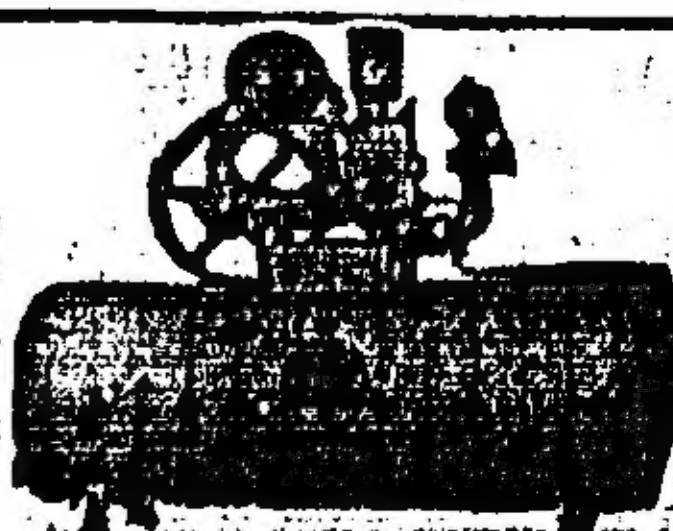
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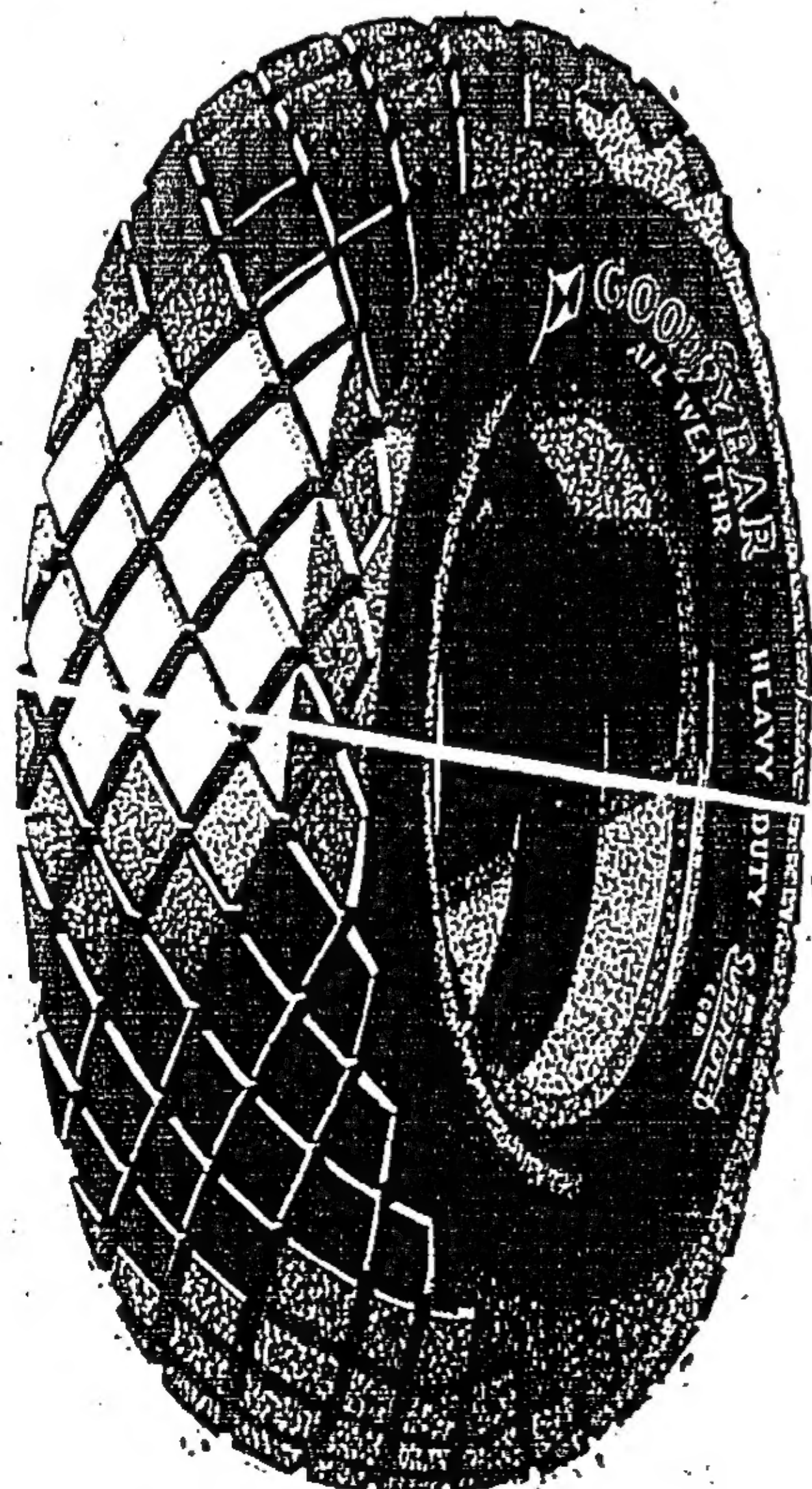
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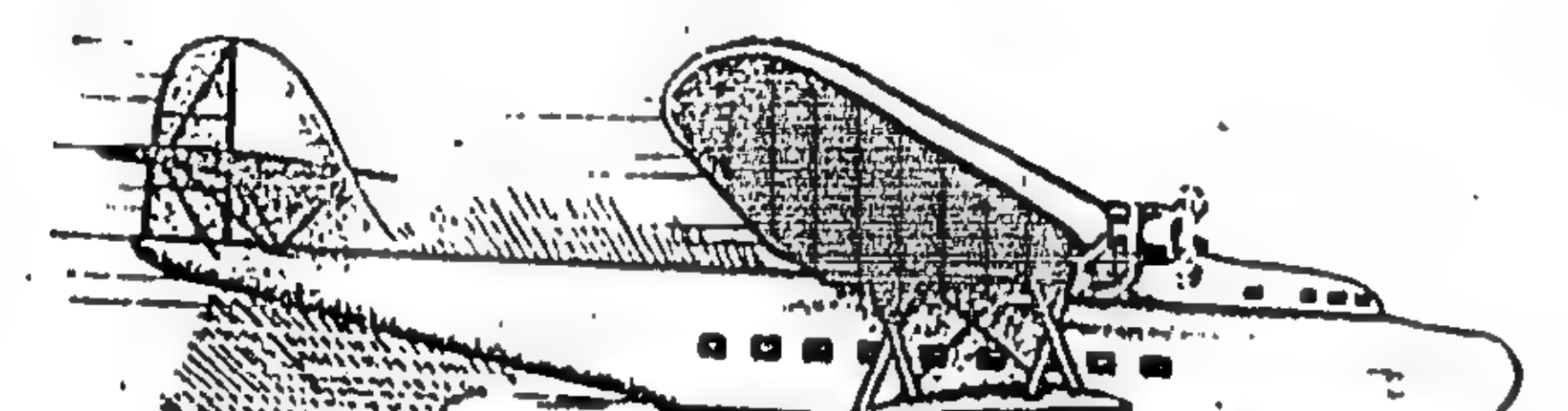
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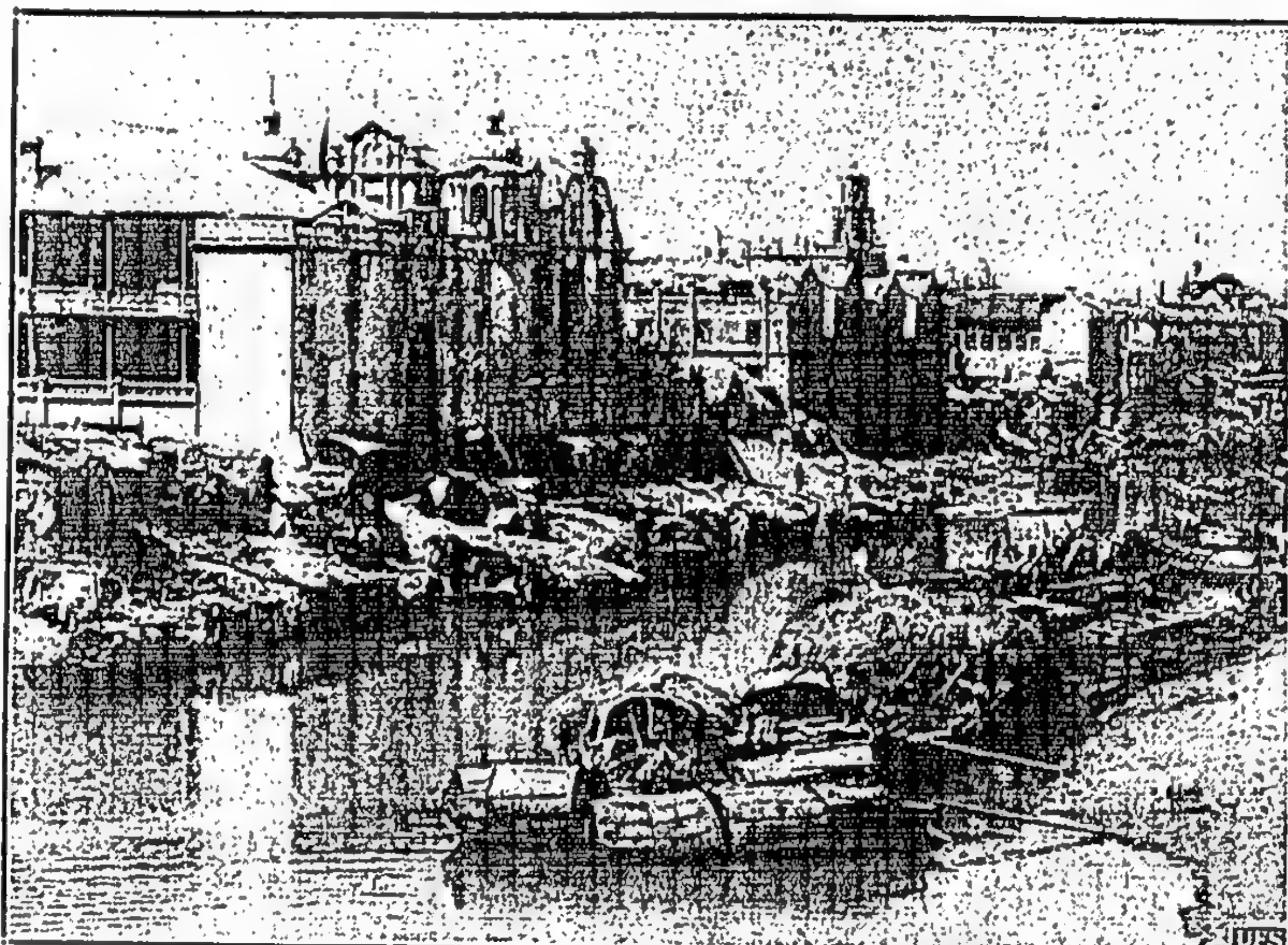
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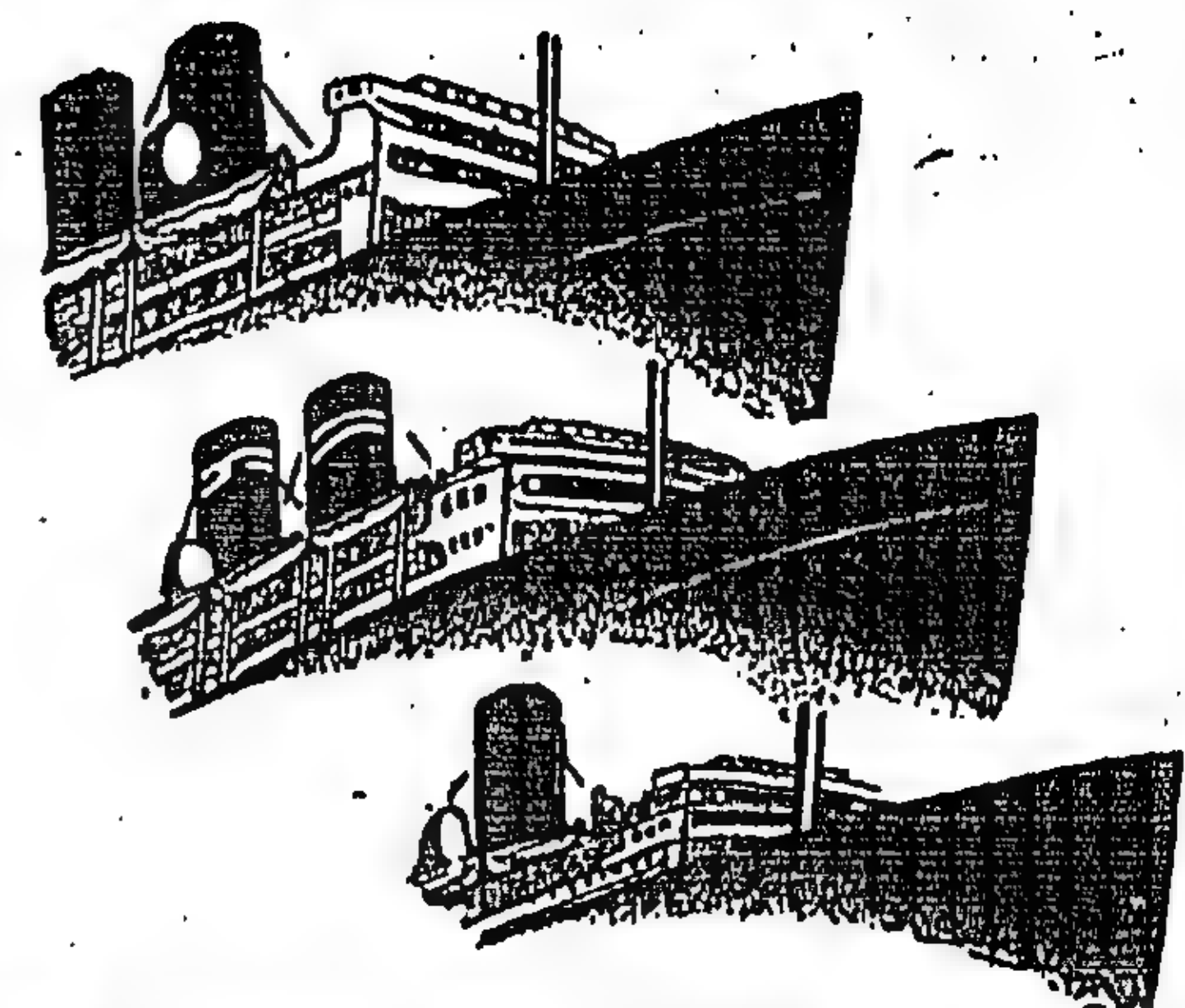
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Absence May Create Bad Impression

Charge D'Affaires Going Home

Shanghai, Dec. 13. It is learned that the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. R. G. Howe, and the Chinese Secretary of the Embassy, Mr. A. D. Blackburn, are to go home at the end of the year.

The consensus of opinion among leading British residents here is that the absence of the Charge d'Affaires, as well as Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief of the China Fleet, is inconsistent with the proper representation of British interests and is likely to convey the impression to Chinese and Japanese that Britain is indifferent to this greatest crisis the Far East has known.—Reuter.

Red Russia Votes As Directed

Seven Years' Gaoi For Anti-Soviet Agitation

Moscow, Dec. 13. At least 95 per cent. of the electorate went to the polls yesterday, and the great majority voted for the approved list of candidates, according to the preliminary election figures.

The voting began as early as 6 o'clock. Moscow was in holiday garb and music was provided at the polling booths.

The only untoward incident occurred when a man was sentenced at Leningrad to seven years' imprisonment for trying to break up an electoral meeting with anti-Soviet shouts.

Unprecedented enthusiasm was aroused by the elections.—Reuter.

NO MEDIATION BY GERMANY

London, Dec. 13. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Anthony Eden, replying to a question, said he understood from the German and Japanese Governments that the German Ambassador in Nanking had not been charged to offer his services as peace mediator between the Chinese and Japanese Governments.—Reuter.

Missionaries Believed Murdered

Beiping, Dec. 14. Three American missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh and Miss Nichol, who disappeared on December 2 from the Japanese-occupied town of Shouyang on a night-time errand of mercy, are believed to have been murdered.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

DORADO DELAYED

The Imperial Airways' announces that R.M.A. Dorado has been delayed at Penang, owing to the hold-up of the eastbound mail plane, probably owing to weather.

Dorado left Penang at 2.40 a.m. Hongkong time to-day, however, and should reach here between 4 and 5 o'clock, weather permitting.

SUPPORT READY

Paris, Dec. 13. M. de Tesson, French Foreign Under-Secretary received the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt to-day and it is understood they discussed the Yangtze incidents. Political circles believe that France and Britain will support America, but at present are waiting to see definitely what she intends to do.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S NEW MINISTER

Tokyo, Dec. 14. It is officially stated that the Home Minister, Dr. Eitchi Baba has resigned owing to ill-health, and that the Cabinet Councillor, Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu has been appointed Home Minister.—Reuter.

Japanese Buy Much Oil From Borneo

Not All Facts Are Available

London, Dec. 13. Japanese imports of petroleum were the subject of a question in the House of Commons by Col. H. W. Burton (Cons.), and in a written reply Captain Euan Wallace, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, stated that according to Japanese official trade statistics, Japanese imports of crude and refined petroleum for 12 months ended July 1937 totalled 1,102,500,000 gallons of which 62,800,000 were recorded as imported from British Borneo.

Imports, if any, from other British countries were relatively unimportant. Direct purchases of petroleum on the State account by service departments were not included in these statistics. Separate particulars of imports of petroleum had not appeared in the Japanese monthly trade returns since last July.—Reuter.

STORMS SWEEP BRITAIN

Troopship Fights Biscay Blow

London, Dec. 13. The worst storms for many years are raging over the British Isles and Scotland.

The liner Normandie was forced to anchor while battling a gale off the Isle of Wight.

The troopship Dunera, with troops from Egypt and Malta, is fighting high seas in the Bay of Biscay.

Many ports in the north of England and Scotland are isolated.

A small vessel bound for London was driven ashore in a gale off the Irish coast. The crew was rescued by rocket apparatus.—Reuter.

MORE TROUBLE AT NAZARETH

Haifa, Dec. 13. Eight persons were injured, four very seriously, when a Jewish bus was heavily fired on near Nazareth to-day.—Reuter.

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CHINA REFUSES PEACE WITHOUT HONOUR

Kung Declares Chiang Won't Quit Post In Nation's Dark Hour

JAPANESE WOULD BLOCKADE H.K. IF IT SERVED THEIR PURPOSE, FINANCE MINISTER DECLARES

Hankow, Dec. 14.

Mr. Jack Belden, *United Press* correspondent, in an exclusive interview with Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Finance Minister, to-day discussed the prospects of peace and the position of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

In reply to the question: "Is a movement for peace occupying Government circles?" Mr. Kung replied: "There is no movement. We have always been a peaceful nation and ready for an honourable peace."

"What advantages for China would peace have at present, and what will China gain to continue the war?" Dr. Kung was asked.

Dr. Kung replied: "We are fighting not only for our national existence, but also for world security regardless of the advantages and disadvantages, and we shall continue the resistance. If Japan respects China's territorial and administrative integrity peace can be had immediately."

"Do you feel that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will step aside to permit others to talk peace?"

Dr. Kung's reply was: "The Generalissimo is a courageous and responsible man and will never shirk his duties. His influence does not depend on his armies. The nation would not let him resign. He may resign when there is peace and order and the country can spare his services."

"Would the Central Government accept a peace basis a Northern Autonomy?" The Finance Minister replied: "No. If territory is alienated and sovereignty violated, peace is not acceptable."

"What agency could properly receive peace proposals?" "Only the whole Government," replied Dr. Kung.

Foreign Responsibility

"What is the responsibility of the foreign Powers at this juncture? Should they help the Chinese military or should they strive for peace?"

Dr. Kung replied: "That is for the Powers to answer. If they wish to prevent future wars of aggression they must halt the present one. As a means to stopping it there are economic sanctions, military intervention or peaceful mediation. Which is the one for them to adopt is for them to decide. At the present time, what they say and what they do seem to be contradictory."

"What mistakes has China made?" "She had too much faith," responded Dr. Kung.

"Do you believe Japan will blockade Hongkong?" "They will blockade San Francisco if this will serve Japanese purposes."

"Under what conditions does Russia supply planes and pilots to China?"

"Under the same conditions as other countries. The pilots are volunteers just like the American and French pilots in China," said Dr. Kung.

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PEIPING PUPPETS TO RULE

Tsao Kun And Wu Pei-fu Likely Appointments

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

A "provisional Government of the Republic of China" is expected to be established in Peiping to-day.

According to the *Asahi Shimbun*, survivors of the former Anfu clique will play prominent roles in the new regime. It is believed that Tsao Kun, President of China in 1923, will be appointed President of the new Government, Marshal Wu Pei-fu will be vice-President, and General Chi Hsieh-yun, formerly military governor of Kiangsu, will be appointed Premier and War Minister.

Hsu Shih-chang, another ex-President of China and Wang Ko-min, are also expected to be given high positions.

The new regime, it is forecast, will issue a manifesto pledging "respect for all treaties and agreements concluded between China and those countries which maintain friendly relations with China."—*Reuter*.

RELAXING RESTRICTIONS

Shanghai, Dec. 14. The Japanese authorities are opening Hongkew, Yangtzepoo and Wayside areas to foreign residents at 8 a.m. on December 15.—*United Press*.

Mrs. L. D. Oliver, of Arlington Hotel, reported to the police the loss of a bracelet valued at \$50 between the Star Ferry wharf and the Hongkong Hotel.

Shipwrecked Passengers On McKinley

Word has been received in Hongkong that the Dollar liner President McKinley has sailed from Holshe Island with 453 of the passengers of the wrecked President Hoover. The McKinley left Holshe at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

She will go direct to Manila and is due to arrive to-morrow morning. She will be in Hongkong by December 20. It is expected.

BRITAIN SHOWING RESTRAINT

"Daily Telegraph" Sharply Critical Of Japan Policy

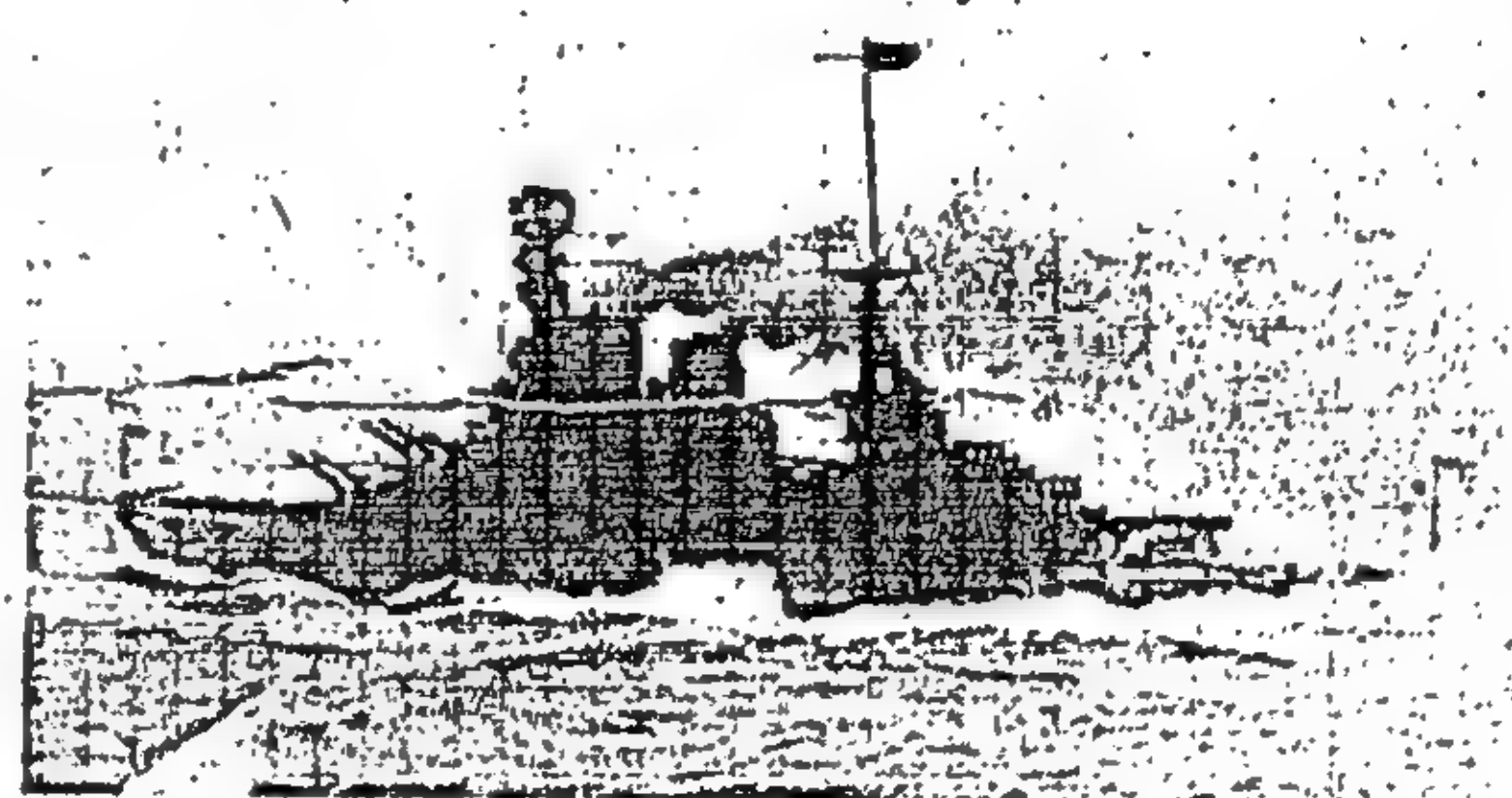
London, Dec. 14.

Hitherto feeling in Britain has been admirably restrained, but any belief in Japan's self-proclaimed mission to "introduce stability into the Far East" must be considerably, in fact irretrievably, forfeited in western eyes by the reckless manner in which she carries on a still undeclared war, declares the *Daily Telegraph* in a leader on the attacks on British and American gunboats.

There may be genuine regrets in Tokyo that individual officers exceed orders, continues the comment, but there is no indication whatever of the policy being modified, however frequently regrets are expressed when the wrong ship is the target. Moreover, it is clear that the civilian opinion in Japan is losing what little restraining influence it might still hold over the Service Junta. Viscount Ishii on a goodwill tour of Europe, is now disowned by the Government in Tokyo.—*Reuter*.

Rumoured U.S. May Send Fleet East

BIG SHIPS MAY COME EAST



Lieut.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher, Labour M.P., intends to suggest that the battlecruisers Hood and Repulse and battle-ships Malaya and Barham be sent to Chinese waters in view of the present tension. Above, H.M.S. Repulse cuts through wild weather on a North Sea mission.

ADEQUACY OF H.K. DEFENCES IS QUESTIONED

Inskip Says Problem Constantly Reviewed

London, Dec. 13.

In the House of Commons to-day, Lieut.-Commander R. T. H. Fletcher (Lab.) asked when was the last joint inquiry by representatives of the three defence Services into the question of the defence of Hongkong, and if the Minister for Defence was satisfied that the British forces there were sufficient for the defence of the Colony, having regard to the existing state of affairs in the Far East.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Defence replied that British defended ports overseas, including Hongkong, were kept constantly under review by an appropriate sub-committee of the Imperial Defence Committee, on which all of the three Services were represented.

Anglo-U.S. Joint Plan Discussed

May Give Naval Demonstration On China Coast

The *Daily Express* diplomatic correspondent understands that British and American diplomats have discussed the possibility of a joint Anglo-American naval demonstration in the China Seas. It is added that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will recommend to to-morrow's Cabinet meeting that Britain should join with the United States in any strong action taken.

The *Daily Herald's* diplomatic correspondent also understands that the subject of a naval demonstration has been considered and may be the subject of further inquiries during the next few days.

After further consultation a joint Anglo-American note, or two identical and eternally worded notes, may be sent to Japan.

The two Governments are considering a time-limit by which reparations must be made, and adequate guarantees given against repetition of the attacks," the *Herald* correspondent says.

Mr. Anthony Eden has explained to the House of Commons that on Japanese had reported the firing on British ships was a mistake, but added they had orders to fire on every ship in the river. Mr. Tom Williams

Lieut.-Comdr. Fletcher asked if the advisability of reinforcing the China Squadron had recently been considered, and was it not desirable to have some capital ships in these waters at present.

Sir Thomas Inskip suggested that Lieut.-Comdr. Fletcher give notice of the question as he did similarly to the question whether the strengthening of the China Squadron had not a direct bearing on the defence of Hongkong.

STATEMENT CHEERED

Mr. Anthony Eden, in a reply to a question by Mr. Clement Attlee, detailed the triple bomb attack on the concentrations of British merchant shipping, which was accompanied by the warships Cricket and Scarab between Hankow and Wuhu. Fortunately, said the Foreign Secretary, no hit was registered on the British warships opened fire in return (Cheers) with no reported result. There were further incidents at Wuhu where there were proceedings to join a British tug which had been machine-gunned, was fired on by a field gun battery.

The *Ladybird*, said Mr. Eden, sustained four direct hits, and he deeply regretted to report that a naval rating was killed. There were several other casualties, including the Flag Captain. The same battery had been firing on merchant ships and at least one British merchantman was hit.

ALSO FIRED ON

H.M.S. Bee, which arrived shortly after was also fired on but not hit. (Continued on Page 4.)

Labour, asked: "How can the Japanese explanation be reconciled when they say first that it was an accident and second that they were ordered to fire on all ships?" "That is just the kind of question I would rather not go into," Mr. Eden responded.—*United Press*.

BUT NO SHIPS AVAILABLE AT HAWAIIAN BASE

Further Details Of Yangtse Bombings Now Coming To Light

Honolulu, Dec. 13.

Following on the Shanghai rumour that a contingent of the American Pacific Fleet may be despatched to the Far East, it is revealed here that the only vessels at Pearl Harbour at present are five destroyers and eleven submarines. There are no aircraft carriers here and none on its way.

The Mine Force Division is returning to Hawaii on December 21 from the California coast, but it is unlikely that it will get any Asiatic assignment.

The cruiser Salt Lake City is in drydock.

The 12th and 14th Naval Districts have no knowledge of any movements of ships to the Far East.—*United Press*.

NAMES OF RESCUED STEADILY COMING IN

James Marshall, Well-known Writer, Seriously Hurt

Among the wounded picked up by H.M.S. Bee following the destruction of the Panay and Standard Oil Company vessels, is Mr. James Marshall, it is learned from the naval authorities here this morning. He is the well-known American writer whose work in *Collier's Weekly* have been so widely read and quoted. He is seriously wounded in the neck.

Among the men from the three Socony steamers picked up are: Messrs. Sherwood, Pickering, Goldie, Jergenson, Mendyard and Blainso. These names may be incorrectly spelled.

Casualty Figures Unaltered

Shanghai, Dec. 14. The original figure of 54 survivors of the Panay disaster has hitherto not been altered. The United States Embassy understands there were 70 aboard the Panay, comprising 54 members of the crew, six Chinese, and 16 foreign civilians, mostly newspapermen.

The crews of the entire Standard Oil concentration comprise altogether six foreigners and 151 Chinese.

Carrying doctors and loaded with medical supplies, a three-motored Japanese plane hopped off for Holshe from Shanghai this morning.—*Reuter*.

Shanghai, Dec. 14. H.M.S. Bee has sent a wireless message that she has rescued seven more survivors from the U.S.S. Panay, all of whom are now safely aboard.

They are John Bonkowski, gunner's mate, Raymond Brown, electrician's mate, Thomas Coleman, seaman, John Dirhofer, seaman, Joseph Graves, gunner's mate, James Marshall of *Collier's* magazine, C. C. Vines from Roanoke, Virginia, who is connected with the B.A.T., Fireman John Hodges and Machinist's Mate William Hoyte are (Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

UNITED VOICE

London, Dec. 14.

The London Press speaks this morning in a singularly united voice, demanding in one form or another stronger action against Japan.

In a strongly worded editorial the *Daily Telegraph* says that British opinion will not be satisfied with any less satisfaction than President Roosevelt has demanded on behalf of the United States, namely full reparation.

The *Daily Herald's* diplomatic correspondent professes to see a tactical move in the attacks on foreign shipping, triumphal marches, etc., designed to make the white man "lose face" and thus destroy the resistance of the Chinese, who believe the western nations are compelled to help China against Japan.

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The *Daily Mail* says that in any remonstrance or demand the British Government thinks fit to make, it can count on the fullest support of the nation.—*Reuter*.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

UNDER the CRUST

HOT for dinner, cold for supper, pies are popular—especially in winter. They're substantial, tasty, and full of good nourishment.

I serve so many different pies that there are probably several of these recipes of mine which you have not tried yet.

I get lots of practice at making this raised pie for my folk.

Ingredients: 1lb. flour, 6oz. lard, 1 pint water, 1 teaspoonful salt.

Put the lard and water into a saucepan and bring to the boil, then stir it into the flour and salt, and knead to a light dough. Place the dough on a floured board, allow it to stand for five minutes, then knead until a light dough is formed.

Shape the greater portion of the dough with the hands into a hollow pie. The pastry must be kept warm or it will crack. When sufficiently raised, fill with seasoned meat.

Wet the edges with cold water and cover with a lid made from the remaining piece of dough. Decorate with leaves and diamonds, and brush the decorations with beaten egg.

Make a slit in the pastry, fix in a funnel of parchment paper, and decorate round the paper with pastry decorations. Place the pie in a hot oven for twenty minutes to half an hour, reduce the heat, cover with parchment paper soaked in cold water, and cook for one and a half hours.

Four in a little good, hot savoury stock with a little dissolved gelatine added. Leave to set in cold place.

Squab (Mutton) Pie

This is how I make the popular dish of the West Country.

Ingredients: 1lb. neck of mutton, three medium-sized onions, 1lb. apples, seasoning, a little tomato or mushroom ketchup. Suet crust paste.

Joint the mutton into cutlets and

Cushions From Scraps

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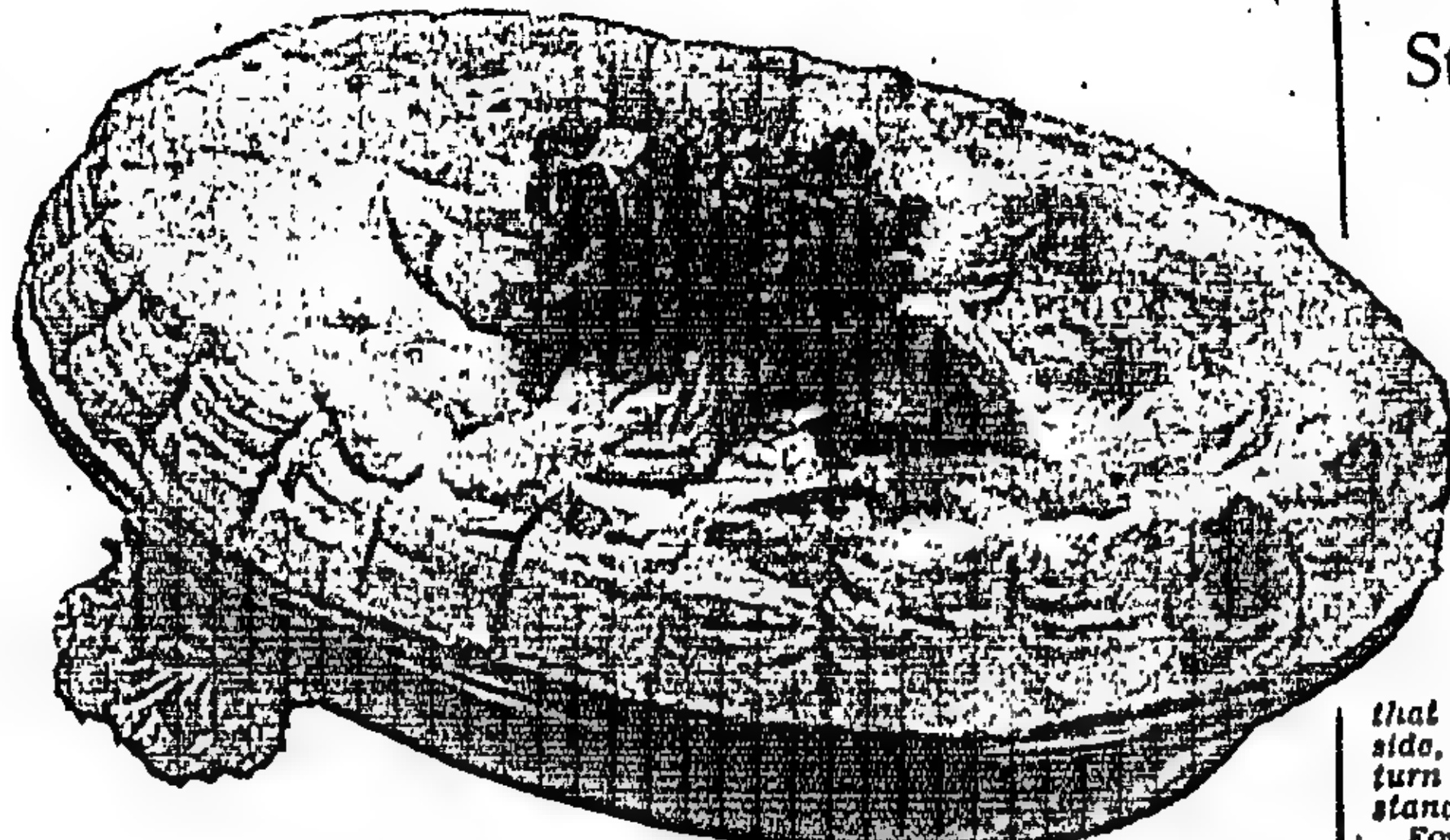
As most of them are further of rectangular shape, they are quite easy to make once you have chosen the nicest materials for them which you can procure—from the shops, or maybe even from your fabric "piece-buys."

While chintz, quilted in squares or diamonds in brightly coloured silk is ideal for cushions in certain rooms. The stitching may be in scarlet, navy blue, emerald, or bright violet or purple according to the existing colour scheme.

If you have an old sampler, or a piece of beautifully made needlework, showing small stitches and an all-over design, then here is your chance to put it to good use by turning it into a cushion.

Pieces of needlework tapestry, intricate or simple in conception, can also be turned into cushion covers with little trouble.

Savoury Pies are Popular... says Mrs. BARDELL



Steak & Kidney

A FAMILY favourite in winter. **Ingredients:** 6oz. plain flour, 2oz. cornflour, 6oz. fat (3oz. margarine and 3oz. lard), 1 teaspoonful salt, water, a squeeze of lemon juice.

Sieve the flour, cornflour and salt into a bowl and chop the fat into pieces the size of a walnut. Mix to a fairly soft dough with cold water and lemon juice, then roll into a strip about 1/2 inch thick as long as it is broad.

Fold in three, turn so that the folded edges are to the side, and roll again. Fold in three, turn and roll. Allow the pastry to stand for an hour before using.

For the filling use: 1lb. steak, 1lb. kidney, 1/2oz. patent cornflour. Cut the meat into neat strips and the kidney into small pieces. Season the cornflour with salt and coat each strip of steak. Put on each a piece of kidney and roll up.

Arrange the meat rolls in a pie dish and sprinkle over the rest of the seasoned cornflour. Add water or stock and cover with pastry. Brush over with a little milk, make a vent in the crust, bake about 1 to 1 1/2 hours, reducing the heat after the first 15 minutes so that the pastry is not over-cooked.

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DANCE DRESS REVEALS BLEMISHES

By Marion Morton

IF you count dancing among your major hobbies—or indeed if you ever dance at all, and most of us do that—then we have to remember one fact especially when we are practising our general beauty regime, however scanty it maybe.

Backs and shoulders are much in evidence. One is often forced to realise that if only all women looked at their backs in a double mirror they would certainly either try to improve them or else invariably cover them up altogether.

Stand Up

OFTEEN, however, it is the result of bad posture and lack of exercise. If you hold yourself properly your back may immediately fall into really lovely lines. And if you remember always to keep your shoulder blades straight, waist where it should be and your neck properly poised, then these lovely lines will remain.

Attractive backs are always smooth and evenly textured, with a fine, soft skin—a state of affairs which does not necessarily arrive without help from the lady herself.

Backs are rather difficult to treat oneself, but much may be done with the help of a rubber panner on a long handle, and a bath brush.

Shoulders

THERE are lotions which give a finished appearance to your shoulders, back and arms, and if you choose a pale peach, or faint apricot shade the effect will be better than that of plain white. When your lotion is dry, the skin should be polished all over with a piece of chamois leather dipped in powder to match the lotion.

And do be sure to use a make-up which doesn't constantly need re-newing. A liquid powder foundation lotion is useful for skins that are apt to get moist. Nees which insist upon shining must be treated with an anti-shine lotion which will mend matters.

Bow In Her Hair

WHEN you have chosen a successful hair-style which really suits your face, personality and your figure, please do not spoil the effect by dressing it up in the evening with unsuitable ornaments.

Small bows to match the dress are "in" again, and they look very pretty tying back the shorter curled pieces of hair on either side of the centre parting, the remainder of the hair falling in a rather long, straightish bob, with curled-under ends.

Fair hair looks lovely waved back from the temples, smoothed over the head, and curled up at the ends, with a small black velvet bow nesting among the ends at the nape of the neck.

A line of dark curls around the head may be broken here and there by tiny red velvet flowers or wee rosettes, placed at irregular intervals.

One may be fixed over the right ear, while three more are found, at the top of the head towards the opposite side.

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Good Cooking By Ambrose Heath

Two Savoury Dishes

MANY thousands of English people are devotees of pig's trotters, but many more are suspicious of what is a bouquet of parsley, thyme and really a very delicious form of food—provided that your pork butcher is beyond suspicion and you make certain that the trotters are perfectly clean before being cooked.

They do deserve greater popularity and in the hope of inducing some of my readers to share with me two quite delicious dishes, here they are one hot and one cold.

Grilled Trotters THIS is a Creole recipe, and a very good one. CUT the prepared pig's too, for a supper dish. feet in half length. Soak the prepared feet in wine, wrap each half in a piece water for several hours, then of cloth, twisting and tying the split and crack them in several

places. Put them into a stew-pan, cover with cold water and let them simmer until they are tender, about three hours.

Then take them out, drain and lay them in a deep dish, season with salt and pepper, and pour over some boiling spiced vinegar. Cover them while they get cold, and keep for 24 hours before serving.

The spiced vinegar is made by boiling a pint of good vinegar for a few minutes with two bayleaves, three blades of mace, a dozen cloves and a whole red pepper pod. (This is enough for six trotters.)

You can add a little cayenne pepper to the seasoning if you like the dish rather hot.

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STORMS SWEEP BRITAIN

Troopship Fights
Biscay Blow

London, Dec. 13. The worst storms for many years are raging over the British Isles and Scotland. The liner Normandia was forced to anchor while battling a gale off the Isle of Wight. The troopship Dunera, with troops from Egypt and Malta, is fighting high seas in the Bay of Biscay. Many parts in the north of England and Scotland are isolated. A small vessel bound for London was driven ashore in a gale off the Irish coast. The crew was rescued by rocket apparatus.—Reuter.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Prisoner of Zenda" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Anthony Hope's romance is popular at any age. The present production proves an entertaining as the one made in the days of Ronald Colman, as usual, is a charming hero and carries his part well. He is given splendid support by Madeleine Carroll. "100 Men and a Girl" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Ever since "Three Smart Girls" it was inevitable that Deanna Durbin would have to make another appearance on the screen. She is again delicious here and is the centre of the story, though personalities like Adolphe Menjou, Leopold Stokowski and Misha Auer help the picture along. "The Cat in the Hat" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—A roaring tale of the West, replete with thrills. A picture which all youngsters will like. "Slowaway" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Shirley Temple again, in another charming story. Robert Young and Alice Faye have the chief adult roles. "Women of Glamour" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A sophisticated play taken from Broadway. Melvyn Douglas and Virginia Bruce make it interesting.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 10.	Dec. 13.
Paris	147.5/64	147.9/64
Geneva	21.01 1/4	21.00 1/2
Berlin	12.40 1/2	12.39
Athens	947 1/2	947 1/2
Milan	95 1/2	95
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Cairo	19.90	19.90
Hongkong	226 1/4	226 1/4
Shanghai	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York	4.09 1/2	4.09 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.09 1/2	8.08 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/3 1/4	1/3 1/4
Montreal	4.09 1/2	4.09 1/2
Brussels	20.41	20.38 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	210	210
Montevideo	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	24 1/2	24 1/2
Silver (Spot)	18 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (forward)	18 1/2	18 1/2
War Loan	101 1/2	101 1/2

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T.T. Singapore	52 1/4
T.T. Japan	108 1/4
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	30 1/2
T.T. Manila	01 1/4
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/4
T.T. Saigon	00 1/2
T.T. France	010
T.T. Germany	70 1/4
T.T. Switzerland	133 1/4
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2
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4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	31 1/4
4 m/s France	005
30 d/s India	83 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.99 1/4

Missionaries Believed Murdered

Feiping, Dec. 14. Three American missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Harsh and Miss Mohr, who disappeared on December 2 from the Japanese-occupied town of Shouyang on a night-time errand of mercy, are believed to have been murdered.—Reuter.

MORE TROUBLE AT NAZARETH

Haifa, Dec. 13. Eight persons were injured, four very seriously, when a Jewish bus was heavily stoned on near Nazareth to-day.—Reuter.

Red Russia Votes As Directed

Seven Years' Gao
For Anti-Soviet
Agitation

Moscow, Dec. 13. At least 93 per cent. of the electorate went to the polls yesterday, and the great majority voted for the approved list of candidates, according to the preliminary election figures. The voting began as early as 6 o'clock. Moscow was in holiday garb and music was provided at the polling booths. The only untoward incident occurred when a man was sentenced at Leningrad to seven years' imprisonment for trying to break up an electoral meeting with anti-Soviet shouts. Unprecedented enthusiasm was aroused by the elections.—Reuter.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks

H.K. Banks, \$1,500 b.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £91 b.
Chartered Bank, £12 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £32 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £13 n.
East Asia Bank, \$80 s.

Insurances

Canton Ins., \$272 1/4 b.
Union Ins., \$516 s.
China Underwriters, \$150 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$248 n.

Shipping

Douglas, \$48 1/4 b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$8 n.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-China (Del.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, 95/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 n.

H.K. & W. Wharves, \$118 n.
H.K. & W. Docks, \$250 b.
Providents (old), \$2 b.
Providents (new), 35 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh.—

Shanghai Docks, Sh.—
Kaifu Mining Adm. 10/9 n.
Rauha, \$6.30 n.

Venz: Goldfield, \$5 n.
Antamok, P. 50 n.

Philippine Mining
Atoks, P. 10 n.
Baguio Gold, P. 10 n.

Benguet Consol., 8.80 n.
Benguet Explor., P.—
Big Wedge, P.—

Coco Grove, P. 35 1/2 n.
Consolidated Mines, P. 0.1 n.
Demonstrations, P. 34 Ex. div.

E. Mindanao, P.—
Gumaus G'ields, P.—
Ipo Gold, P.—

L.X.L., P. 51 n.
Macbate Consols., P.—
Min. Resources, P.—

Northern Min., P.—
Paracale Gumaus, P.—
Salacot Mining, P.—

San Mauricio, P. 42 n.
Suyoc Consol., P. 14
United Paracale, P. 41 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$8.20 n.
H.K. Lands, \$32 n.

H.K. Lands, 4% Deben, \$100 n.
Shai Lands, Sh.—
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.—

Humphries, \$8 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities, \$4.89 n.
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.

China Realities, Sh.—
China Deben, —
Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways, \$13.30 n.
Peak Trams (old), 77 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new), 33 1/2 n.

Yauwatt Ferries (old), \$24 1/2 n.
China Light (old), \$11.20 b.
Star Ferries, \$80 n.

H.K. Electric, \$2 1/2 b.
Macao Electric, \$20 n.
Sandakan Lights, \$14 1/4 n.

Telephone (old), \$28 1/4 n.
Telephone (new), \$30 n.
China Buss, Sh.—

Singapore Tractions, 23/9 n.
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.
Industrials

Cald: Mack (old), Sh.—
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh.—
Canton Ice, \$1.70 n.

Cement, \$12 1/4 s.
H.K. Ropes, \$1.80 n.
Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, \$24 n.
Watsons, \$4.75 n.
Lane Crawford, \$8.00 n.

Sinceres, \$1.75 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.
Wm. Powells, 75 cts. n.

Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons Sh. \$13 1/4 n.
Shai Cottons (old), Sh. 77 n.

Zoong Sings, Sh.—
Wing On Textiles, Sh.—
Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, \$5.00 n.
Constructions (old), \$1.00 n.
Constructions (new), \$1.00 n.

Vibro Piling, \$8 b.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1915 G&Bds. 73 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% prm. n.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 1 1/4% prm. n.
Wallace Harpers, \$5 n.
Marzmanns Inv. (Lon.), s/- 21/- n.

Marzmanns Inv. (H.K.), s/- 4/0 n.
China Lights Rights \$5.30 n.

NO MEDIATION BY GERMANY

London, Dec. 13. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Anthony Eden, replying to a question, said he understood from the German and Japanese Governments that the German Ambassador in Nanking had not been charged to offer his services as peace mediator between the Chinese and Japanese Governments.—Reuter.

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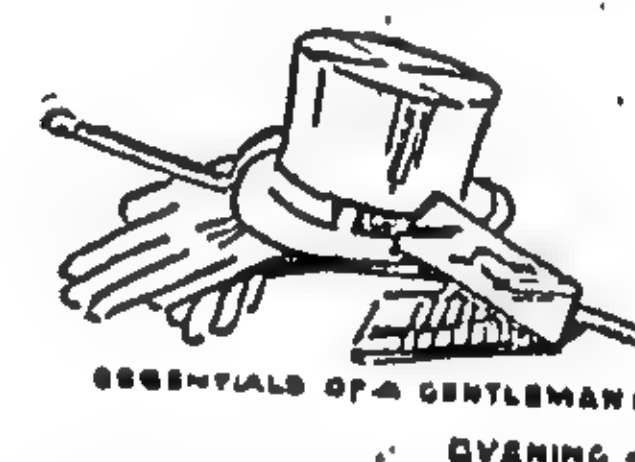
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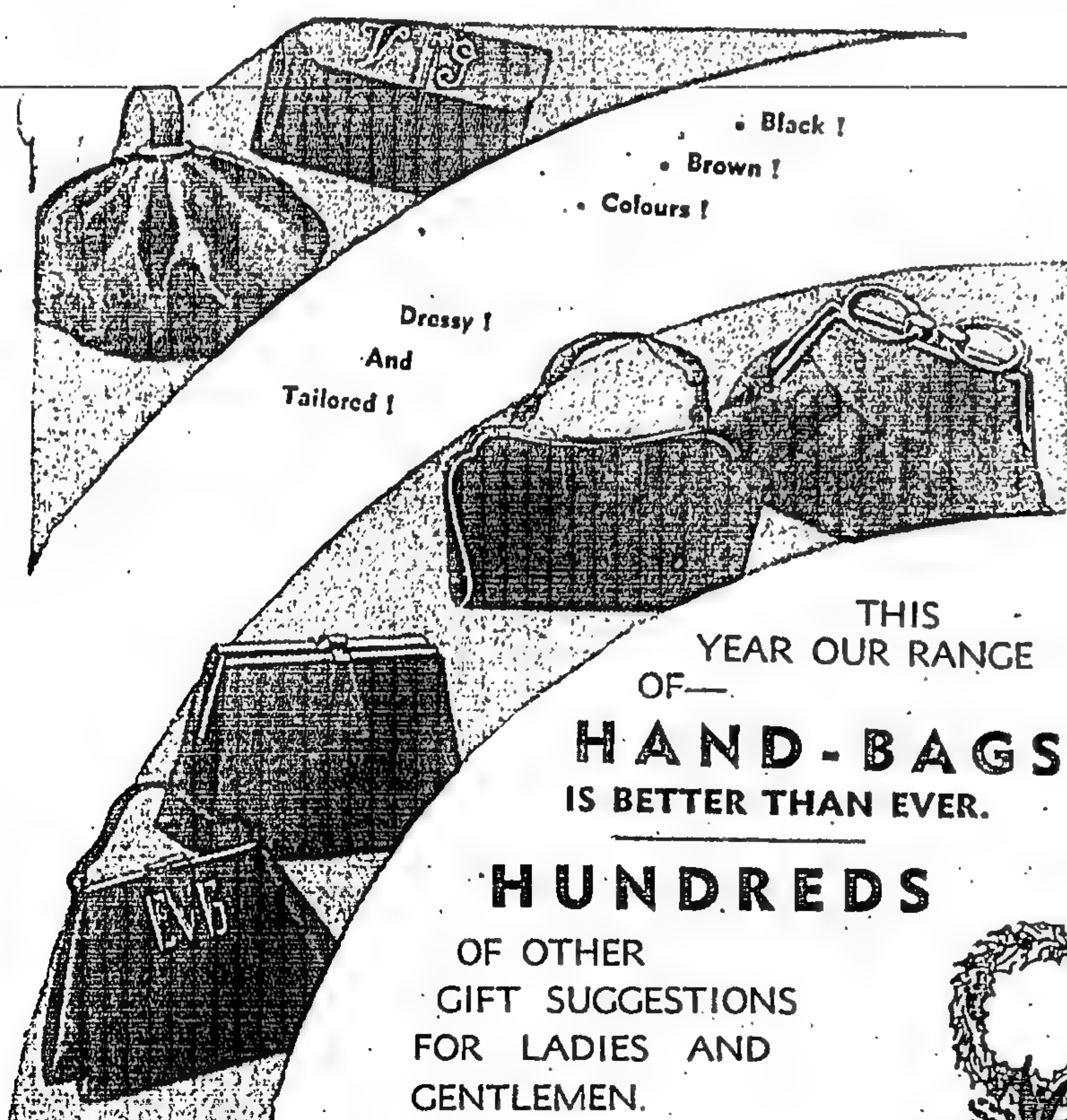
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LETTERS TO THE
EDITOR

NO RECIPROCITY

To The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—It is interesting, if nothing else, to read in an edition of The Hongkong Telegraph in regard to the stranding of the President Hoover on Holsatol Island off Formosa, that—

Operations by foreign salvage vessels are prohibited in the waters where the Hoover is stranded, and the Taihoo Tug was unable to set out on Saturday as planned. A Japanese salvage ship, the Yusho Maru, left Hongkong last night, carrying salvaging equipment, Mr. T. B. Wilson, local Agent of the Dollar Line, and Mr. T. Brayfield, Marine Surveyor.

The Asama Maru went ashore here off Junk Bay in the September typhoon and the Japanese salvage ship, presumably the Yusho Maru referred to above, came down from Japan to attend the salvaging of her. Why don't we say "operations by foreign salvage vessels are prohibited in the waters where the Asama Maru is stranded? Particularly, if my information is correct, as there are gun emplacements all round the neighbourhood of the spot where the Asama Maru is stranded.

FAIR DO-ES.

MOTOR DRIVERS
PENALISED

Several residents were summoned at the Central Magistracy for traffic offences this morning.

Mr. George Lee was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, with having left his car in 'Chater Road and twice in Des Voeux Road Central, causing an obstruction. He was fined \$5 on each summons.

Lt.-Commander F. G. Woods was fined \$3 for allowing his car to be parked at the Pedder Street car park more than two hours.
Miss C. N. Dunn was summoned for parking her car beyond the time limit at Chater Road. She was fined \$2.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Owing to Miss Violet Capoll being in hospital, there will be no Dancing classes until further notice.

POLICE TRACKING
FORGED NOTESFung Sul, 25, married woman, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with uttering a forged \$10 note of the Hongkong Bank at Sookunpoo football ground, Causeway Bay, on December 12, and possession of a forged \$10 note at the Naval football ground.
The defendant was formally remanded for a week.THIS CHART SHOWS
THE DANGEROUS
YEARS IN MARRIAGE

(Continued from Page 6.)

the marriage has lasted between ten and twenty years.
14 per cent. when the marriage has lasted more than twenty years.

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abandoned shortly afterwards and the ship's company landed on the north bank of the river.
At the time of the first attack the Mei Ping and Mei Hsian were berthed along the Kalyuen Wharf and the fires which were started on them were extinguished. Contact was made with the Japanese military, who were standing alongside the wharf at the time of the attack and the firing of the ships.
The Panay's sailors who at present are aboard the Bee were in the Mei Ping at the time of the attack. The remainder of the Panay's company landed on the south bank of the river.—United Press.

95 Chinese Reported Dead

New York, Dec. 13. The Socony-Vacuum interests here have received a private cable saying that Captain Carlson and 95 Chinese were killed in the bombing of the Panay and the tankers. No mention is made of any naval casualties.—United Press.

Oahu On Way To Scene

Shanghai, Dec. 14. The U.S.S. Augusta reports that the U.S.S. Oahu, a gunboat, is expected to reach the scene of the attack on U.S.S. Panay this morning. Neither the Bee nor the Oahu has been able to operate at night, except that the Bee shone her searchlights into the sky and on to the shores of the river in the hope of attracting survivors' attention.
I.M.S. Folmouth has reported by wireless that the Bee is doing her utmost to care for the wounded and is making efforts to arrange for their transportation to Shanghai as soon as possible.—United Press.

Grave View Taken

Washington, Dec. 13. The extreme gravity with which the United States Government regards the Yangtze scuttling, notwithstanding the profuse apologies already tendered by every appropriate Japanese authority, can be gauged by the following points which were made to Reuter by a competent authority this evening.
This is the first occasion a United States warship has been sunk in peace time by a so-called friendly Power since the sinking of the battleship Maine, which precipitated the Spanish-American War.
2. The President's personal intervention and message to Emperor Hirohito are circumstances rarely, if ever, with parallel.
3. The United States Government is amazed at Mr. Saito's frank admission that the Japanese knew where the American vessels were located and that hence, in the Ambassador's own words "the bombing was a very grave blunder."

Admission Of Guilt

The authorities are at a loss to account for this damaging admission, which, coupled with earlier unofficial reports that the Japanese commander in that area had allegedly told the Japanese planes to sink all vessels upon the Yangtze, constitutes an admission of guilt upon more than one count, which is felt can lend itself only to the explanation that the Japanese military authorities, locally, if not nationally, were prepared to undertake hostile acts against friendly Powers, while scarcely bothering to conceal their designs.
Despite this severe provocation, however, the State Department is still proceeding slowly. It is indicated that a formal Note will not be presented until all the facts have been ascertained, which may not be for another 24 hours.—Reuter.

Oil Company Estimate

New York, Dec. 13. According to a cable from the Standard Vacuum Oil Company's office in Shanghai, the survivors of the Panay are reported to number only 54 out of an estimated total of 150 aboard.

The message adds that four United States gunboats left Kiating at daylight for the scene and the Japanese were reported to be sending gunboats and large seaplanes to assist. It is reported that 18 Japanese bombers and pursuit planes participated in the attack upon the Panay and the oil tankers.—Reuter.

54 Survivors In Mission

Hankow, Dec. 14. It is unofficially learned that 54 survivors from U.S.S. Panay are safe ashore at a mission.

The United States Ambassador has expressed to United Press heartfelt appreciation for the assistance rendered by I.M.S. Bee, declaring the immediate despatch of the Bee and her readiness to help Americans in distress were a blessing, since there were no American ships in the vicinity.—United Press.

Less Missing Than
First BelievedShanghai, Dec. 14. The U.S.S. Augusta has received an unconfirmed report that a large group of survivors wanted to Hanchuan village, a short distance inland from the scene of the Panay's bombing. Naval parties are attempting to reach them and return them to Holsatol.
It is possible the 54 survivors of the Panay disaster, with Mr. George Acheson, are unaware that other survivors have been located. Therefore the total missing is smaller than originally believed.—United Press.

Two Dead In Party

Shanghai, Dec. 11. It is learned from reliable quarters that I.M.S. Bee has reported contacting the Panay survivors who reached Hanchuan.
It was learned that an Italian journalist, named Sandri, and the Panay's store-keeper, Clemminger, are dead, and eight are badly wounded in this group. Others are suffering from exposure and shock. The party is boarding the Bee at 4 p.m.—United Press.

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Bernes Dec. 13. M. Oger Ambolin, recently appointed French Director-General of National Economy, has been elected successor to the late M. Pierre Quessy as Director-General of the Bank of International Settlements.—Reuter.

Japanese Aid To Find
Survivors

Hankow, Dec. 11. Three Japanese river gunboats arrived at Wuhan with the purpose of rescuing Panay survivors. Captain Uyeda was proposing to send a search party along the north bank of the river, however this plan was abandoned on the advice of the British, who feared the presence of a Japanese landing party might make the local population disposed to co-operate in the search.

Vice-Admiral Holt therefore proposes to send a search party ashore to-morrow.
Meanwhile Captain Uyeda, whom I.M.S. Ladybird provided with a written statement concerning yesterday's bombing and subsequent occurrences, is seeking contact with Captain Hughes of the Panay.—United Press.ADEQUACY OF
H.K. DEFENCES
IS QUESTIONED

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The Senior Naval Officer landed and strongly protested to the senior Japanese military officer, who stated that the firing on the warships was a mistake, and he had orders to fire at every ship on the river. The Japanese civil, military and naval authorities at Shanghai were immediately informed and they undertook to warn the Japanese forces in the field.

Meanwhile Sir Robert Craigie had made a very strong protest to the Japanese Foreign Minister, who promised to make an immediate inquiry.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio: Petronella, Thurland Castle, Santhia, Shinkyo Maru, President Pierce, President Hoover, Schamhorst, President McKinley, Rajputana, Empress Of Canada, Sarpedon, Kitano Maru, Jeypore, Hakone Maru, Katori Maru, Tjlsak, Adria and Victoria.

Fixing Rate
Of Pay For
Civil Staff

A Bill to fix the rate at which the sterling salaries of public officers shall be paid in the Colony will be moved by the Attorney General at to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The objects and reasons of the Bill are stated as follows:

1. The object of this Bill is to make provision in the year 1938 for the payment in this Colony of the sterling salaries of public officers in the Hongkong Government service at a rate similar to the rate at which such salaries were paid in 1937.

2. Clause 2 of this Bill in which the rate is fixed at 1/3 of the dollar, is based upon section 2 (5) of the Hongkong Government Service (Levy on Salaries) Ordinance, 1937, Ordinance No. 2 of 1937, which expires on December 31, 1937, and is replaced by clause 7.

3. Clause 2 of this Bill defines the expressions "Treasury rate" and "Widows' and Orphans' Pension Contribution" and clauses 4 and 5 reproduce the provisions of sections 6 (1) and 7 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1937, respectively empowering the Legislative Council to grant exemptions by resolution and saving the rights of the Crown.

4. The provisions introduced by this Bill are by clause 6 thereof to have effect from January 1, 1938 to December 31, 1938 unless otherwise provided by Ordinance.

ORDER STARTS
WORK HEREAn Ordinance to provide for the incorporation in Hongkong of the Order of Francisca's Minor will be brought before the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow.
The Irish Province of the Order of Francisca's Minor controls and manages a number of Schools and Mission stations throughout the Republic ofFOUND ABOARD
STEAMER

Stated to have been found on board the steamer Fau Sang at 4 o'clock on Monday morning, Au Tai, 32, unemployed was charged before Hon. Commr. J. B. Newell, Acting Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning with unlawful boarding. He said he had gone on board to look for work.

L/Serjt. Wheeler said he had been discovered by the quarter-master. A quantity of rope had been stolen from the ship about this time, but the defendant could not be connected with the larceny.
A fine of \$10 was imposed.NAMES OF RESCUED
STEADILY COMING IN

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travelling overland in an attempt to reach Wuhan from Holsatol.

H.M.S. Bee has requested the Japanese authorities to provide safe conduct, although the whereabouts of the two men are unknown.—Reuter.

More Survivors

Shanghai, Dec. 14. H.M.S. Bee has wirelessed that she picked up five more survivors namely J. Sherwood from McGraw's New York, assistant manager of the Standard Oil Company at Nanking; M. Blasin, an Italian engineer aboard one of the Standard Oil tankers; D. S. Goldie, a Briton who is installation superintendent of the Standard Oil Company at Wuhan; Captain Jorgensen, the Norwegian captain of the Mei Hsian, and Captain Mender, Estonian captain of the Mei Ping.—Reuter.

Capt. Carlson, the only one of the Socony-Vacuum masters not accounted for, is now reported safe from Hankow, says Reuter.

China. The Order has recently commenced work in Hongkong and has entered into negotiations for the purpose of acquiring land for the erection thereon of buildings for the purpose of carrying on its activities.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 4th December.		
Straits	Van Heutsz	December 14
Straits	Anking	December 15
Swatow	Kanhow	December 15
Straits	Kladerpore	December 15
Calcutta and Straits	Kulsang	December 15
Amoy	Santhia	December 15
Haiphong	Sulyant	December 15
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (Vancouver B.C., 27th November)	Emp. of Canada	December 16
Shanghai and Foochow	Soochow	December 16
Japan	Jeypore	December 16
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	December 16
Japan	Sarpedon	December 16

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Wednesday		
Kongmoon and (Pakhai via Kongmoon)		
Air Mail for North China	Pook-On	Wed., Dec. 16, 8.00 a.m.
Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Wed., Dec. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Japan and *San Francisco—due San Francisco, 18th January 1938—and *Europe via Siberia	Bokuyo Maru	Wed., Dec. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kwiyang	Wed., Dec. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	Wed., Dec. 16, 2.30 p.m.
Japan	Delagon Maru	Wed., Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
Thursday		
Sandakan	Tai Seun Hong	Thurs., Dec. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Dalren and *Canada via Victoria Ision	Thurs., Dec. 16, 10.30 a.m.	
B. C. (Due Victoria B.C., 13th Jan. 1938)		
Swatow	Tingsang	Thurs., Dec. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and *Europe via Marseilles—Due Marseilles, 16th January 1938	Behar	Thurs., Dec. 16, 10.30 a.m.
*Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Reg.	Thurs., Dec. 16, 1.45 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Thurs., Dec. 16, 2.30 p.m.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Kitano Maru	Thurs., Dec. 16, 5.00 p.m.
Friday		
Holhow	Anking	Fri., Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand	Changeo	Fri., Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 28th December	Reg.	Fri., Dec. 17, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Fri., Dec. 17, 10.30 a.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. L. K. Bousfield of 460 the Peak has reported to the police the theft of an earring valued at £12 from her address.

Mrs. Johnson residing at the B. and S. bungalow at Fanning has reported to the police the theft of money and a fountain pen from her dressing table, the total value \$29.

Having two previous convictions, Chan Yee, 64, was sent to gaol for three months without the option of a fine, when charged with keeping a sly brothel on the second floor, 33 Tuner Street, when she appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Two Europeans were fined by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Mr. R. Millar of Pitt Avenue was fined \$10 for having allowed his dog to wander about in Chatham Road without a muzzle or lead. Mrs. T. H. Davies of Carnarvon Road was fined \$5 for a similar offence.

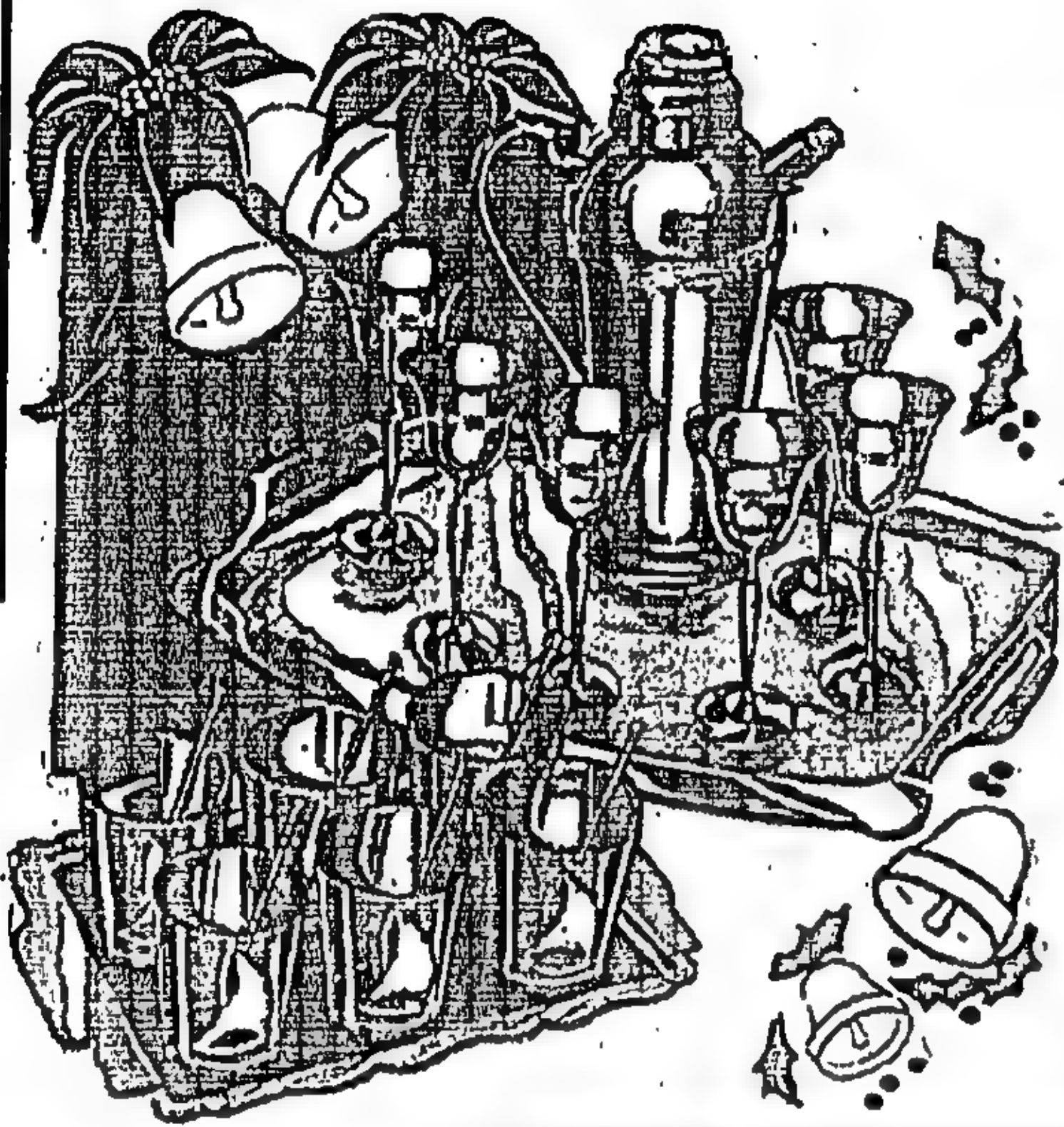
Mrs. Stephens of No. 363 Prince Edward Road, has made a report to the police of the theft of a permulator from her address.

Lt. Campbell, R.A., has reported to the police that while driving his car No. 855 along Hennessy Road he knocked down Lau Pui-lan, 35. Lau was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital for treatment to head injuries.

Wong Yee, 60, was fined \$50 or six weeks' imprisonment when she appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with keeping a sly brothel on the first floor of 20 Graham Street.

For the convenience of Kowloon residents seats for the first two evenings of The Arcadian production may now be booked at the Peninsula Hotel reception counter. The Arcadians is being presented by the Hongkong Philharmonic Society at the Queen's Theatre for four nights commencing on Wednesday, at 8.20 p.m.

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Question
In CouncilReported Defect
Causes Inquiry

At the Legislative Council meeting to-morrow, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, pursuant to notice, will ask:

"Will Government make a statement to this Council in regard to the reported defect discovered in Shing Mun, and the position regarding thereof of the Hongkong Government, the Consulting Engineers and the Resident Engineer?"

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C., will move the following resolution:

"That a Committee be appointed to consider and report to this Council upon the expenditure incurred in the housing of Government Civil Servants and also upon what would be the proper percentage of salary to be paid by various grades of Government Civil Servants as rent for the use of Government quarters."

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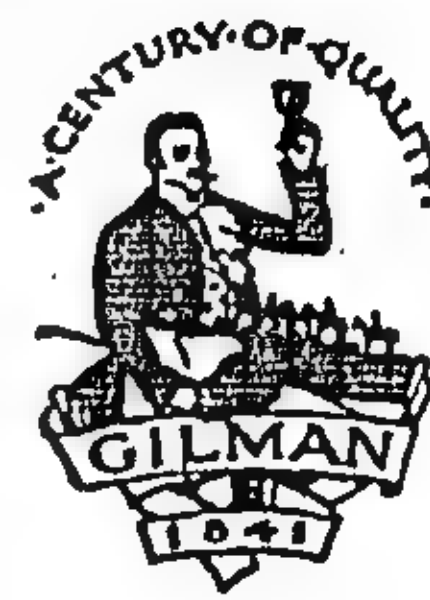
London, Dec. 13. The latest Far East developments led to a precautionary lowering in the values of some of the Stock Exchange sections, but actual business was confined to a little Continental support for various favourites, notably Royal Dutch, a few Knittr and diamonds. Otherwise the market was very quiet. Commodities and base metals, particularly tin, were easier on bear selling. Rubber and cotton also eased. Wall Street opened easy.—*Reuter's Special.*Absence May
Create Bad
ImpressionCharge D'Affaires
Going Home

Shanghai, Dec. 13. It is learned that the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. R. G. Howe, and the Chinese Secretary of the Embassy, Mr. A. D. Blackburn, are to go home at the end of the year.

The consensus of opinion among leading British residents here is that the absence of the Charge d'Affaires, as well as Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief of the China Fleet, is inconsistent with the proper representation of British interests and is likely to convey the impression to Chinese and Japanese that Britain is indifferent to this greatest crisis the Far East has known.—*Reuter.*S'hai Papers
To Cease
Publication

Shanghai, Dec. 14. Two more Chinese newspapers, the Shungpao and the Takungpao, will print their last edition to-day, as the managements of these two well-known papers have decided to close their doors to-morrow.

Both newspapers are reported to have received communications from the Japanese censors asking them to submit proofs for perusal before publication, and that publicity should be given to the so-called "Tatso City Government", and other organisations. These latter bodies should in no way be ridiculed, states the censor.

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BE REGULAR

A 61-year-old widow, Ip Yee, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, being the employer of Tang Ngal-in, a mut-tai, 20, and failing to make and sign a report of the intended marriage of her mut-tai.

Sub-Inspector W. H. Fraser, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs said that the marriage was not according to the Chinese customs, and the S.C.A. was not satisfied with it.

His Worship ordered the defendant to have her mut-tai and the husband taken to the Supreme Court to go through the formalities. The case was adjourned for week.

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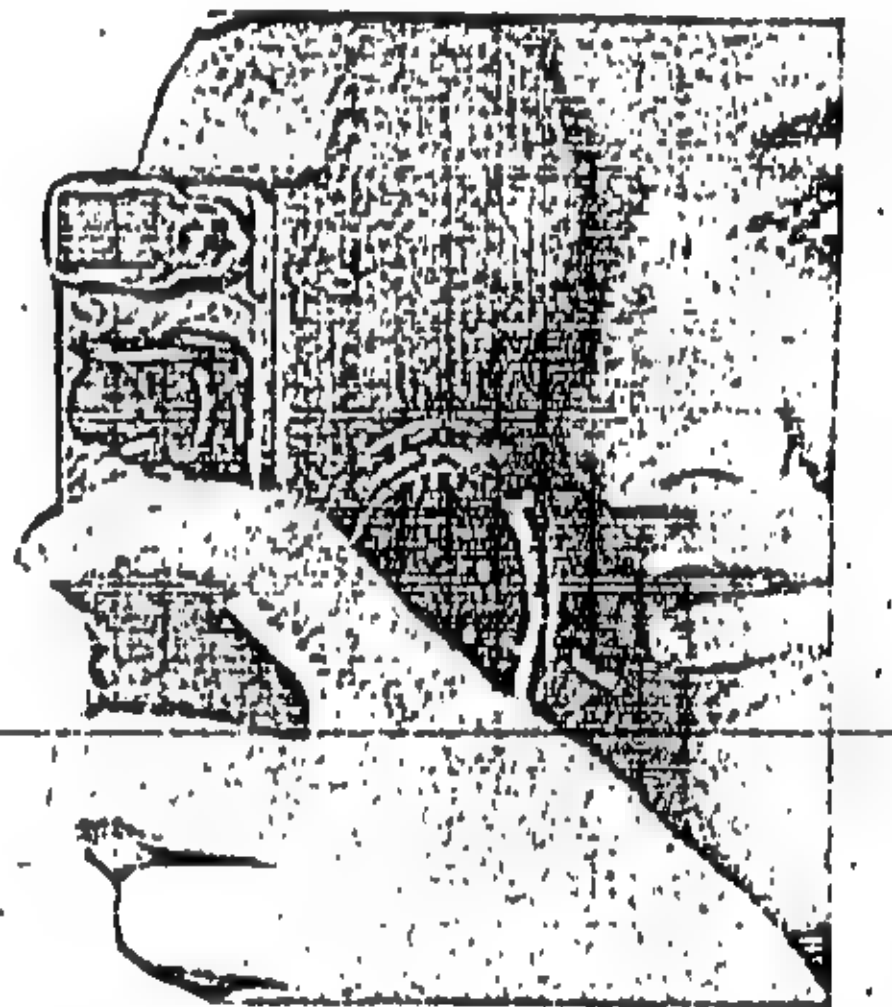
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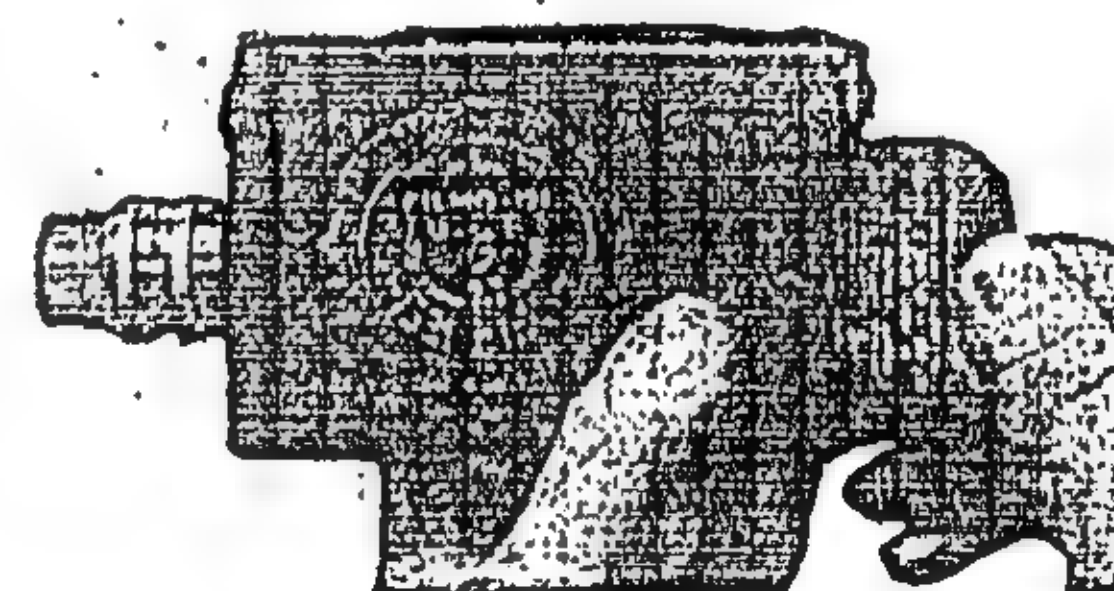
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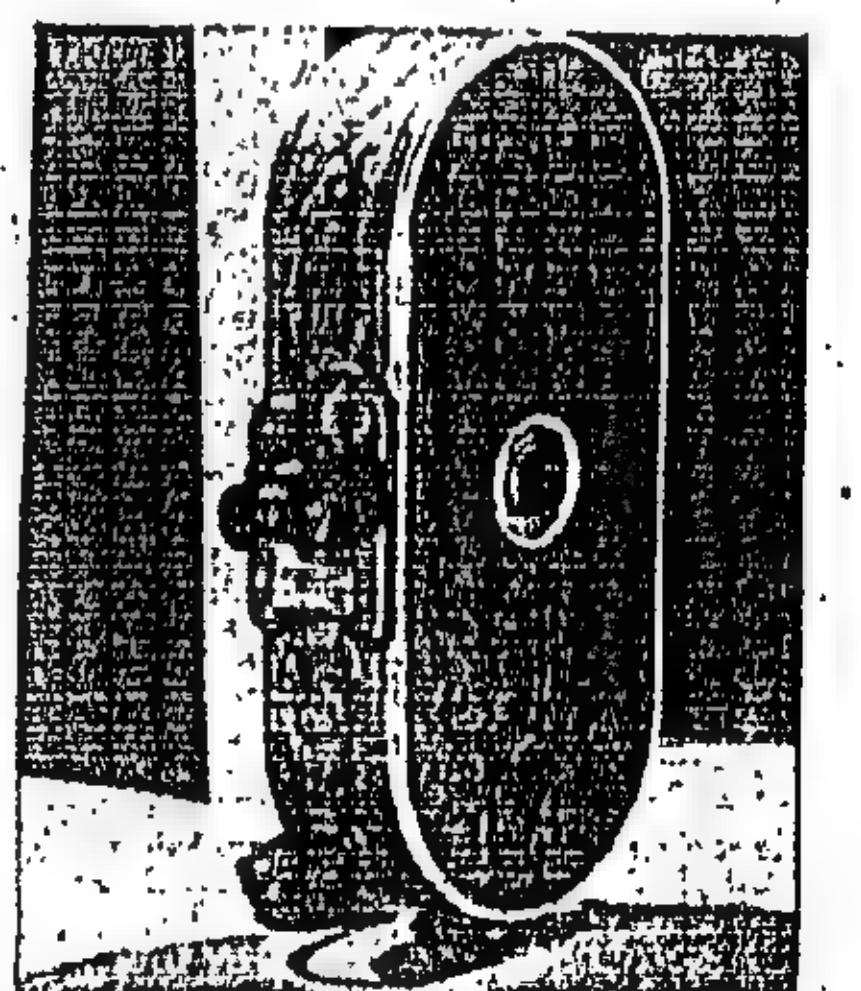
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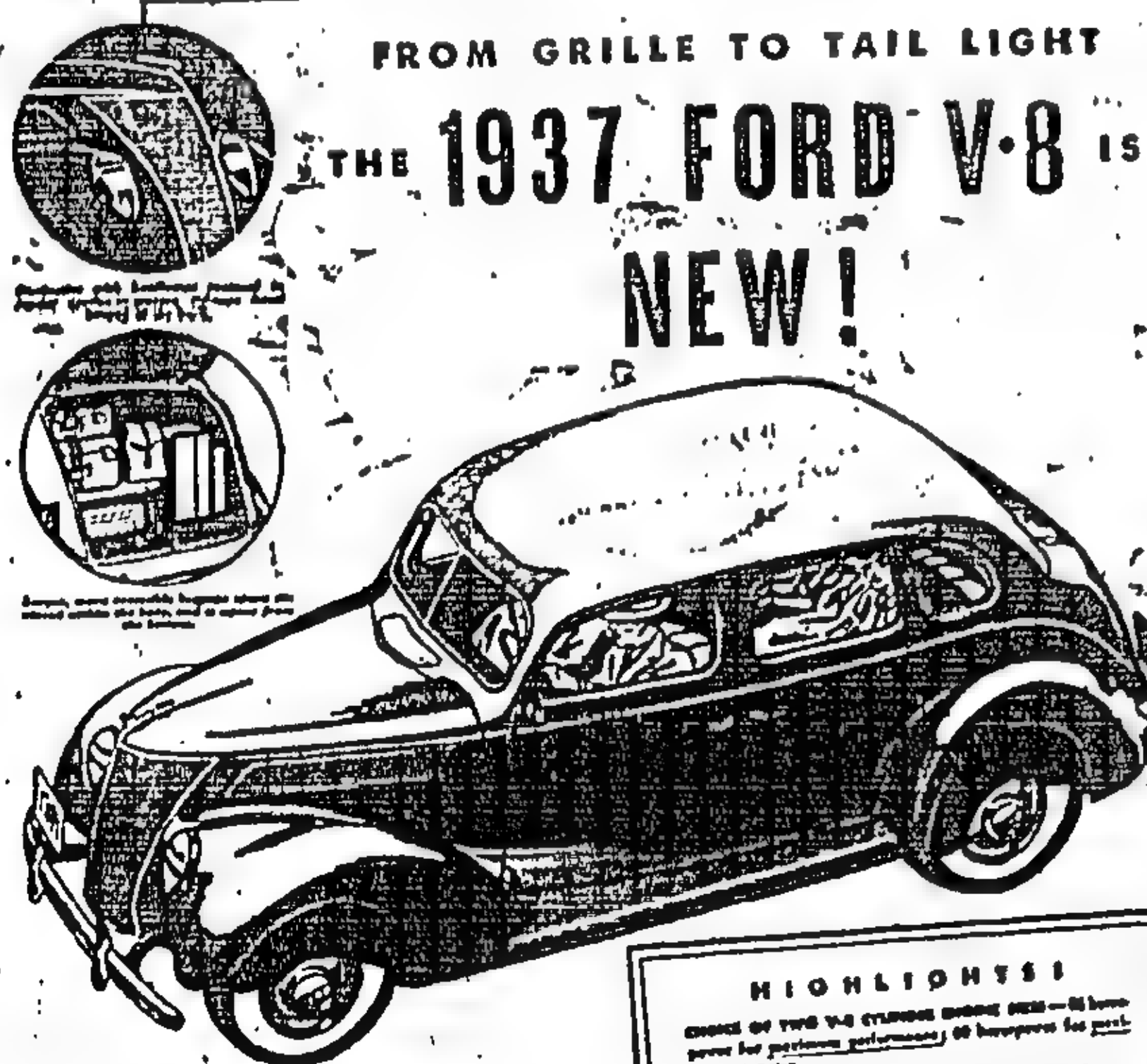
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NATION TREATS PANAY BOMBING WITH CAUTION

Borah Sees Nothing In Incident To Call For Any Drastic Action

BUT PITTMAN DECLARES IT IS INTOLERABLE

Washington, Dec. 13.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has prepared vigorous representations to be presented to Japan regarding the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay in the Yangtse on Sunday. Mr. Hull held conference with a group of Far eastern advisers before drafting his protest.

There is no indication at present whether the representations will include demands for indemnity covering the cost of the Panay and suitable compensation for the casualties involved.

Before despatching his note Mr. Hull is expected to confer with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

DEMANDS SWIFT APOLOGY

Washington Press Impatient Of Procrastination

Grudging Excuses Will Not Do

Washington, Dec. 13. A warning to Japan to make her apology for the Panay incident wholeheartedly and speedily is given by the Washington press, which says there will be little disposition on the part of the United States to wait as long as Britain did for an explanation of the Japanese bombing of her Ambassador, or to be content with a grudging and half-hearted apology as London was willing to accept.

The sinking of the Panay and the oil tankers can have only deplorable consequences if Japan, by failing adequately to atone for her misdeeds, adds arrogance to the injury.

To tolerate such conduct by marauders who were now putting China to sword and flame would be to stamp with approval Japan's whole campaign of brigandage and international lawlessness.—*Reuter*.

"LE TEMPS" CRITICAL
Paris, Dec. 13. "If the facts as related by telegrams from the Far East are true, they describe an illegal action which could not be allowed in any organized society or civilized state," says *Le Temps* in a leader dealing with the Japanese attacks on foreign shipping. "The latest incidents at Nanking are of a particularly grave nature as it is a question of real acts of hostility against British and American warships without any provocation on their part. It is understandable that a warlike act against the gunboat Panay should cause the greatest concern in Washington."

PREMEDITATED ACTS?
The leader adds that there is reason to believe the incidents were pre-meditated acts on the part of certain Japanese forces, and declares that British, American and French warships have absolute right to be in the Yangtse. The Governments principally interested in Far Eastern affairs had given sufficient proof of goodwill for it to be impossible to suspect them of wanting to use the present crisis as a pretext for checking Japan and forcing her into a general war.

The leader concludes with a warning to Japan against taking action which could not be allowed by Powers who have any sense of their dignity and duty in protecting foreign nationals.—*Reuter*.

Support Ready

Paris, Dec. 13. M. de Tessan, French Foreign Under-Secretary received the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt to-day and it is understood they discussed the Yangtse incidents. Political circles believe that France and Britain will support America, but at present are waiting to see definitely what she intends to do.—*Reuter*.

ENGLAND'S 20,000,000 GAS MASKS

Record In Mass Production

London, Dec. 13. During the debate in the House of Lords on the Air Raid Precautions Bill the Air Minister Viscount Swinton, referring to anti-gas precaution work already accomplished, said a school for instruction in Gloucestershire had been turning out instructed persons at the rate of 120 per month. A second school would shortly be established in the neighbourhood of York.

Some 200,000 volunteers had already been instructed in anti-gas measures. In addition, every policeman in the regular forces has also been trained, as well as a very large number of the special constabulary. A special system of training had been instituted for doctors and something like 10,000 doctors and 10,000 nurses had been instructed as to how to give medical treatment in gas cases.

It was essential to prevent anything in the nature of panic in the work of giving security and this he thought had been achieved.

Referring to the provision of respirators he said that in July last year the old cotton mill was taken over on the principle of the "shadow factory" for making of gas masks. This factory had produced 20,000,000 gas masks or respirators and he believed Britain was the only country that had so developed mass production of gas masks on such a scale. Arrangements had also been made for providing 12 central store depots which would each hold something like 3,000,000 gas masks. Five of these depots were already in existence.—*British Wireless*.

Japanese Buy Much Oil From Borneo

Not All Facts Are Available

London, Dec. 13. Japanese imports of petroleum were the subject of a question in the House of Commons by Col. H. W. Burton (Cons.), and in written reply Captain Edmund Wallace, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, stated that according to Japanese official trade statistics, Japanese imports of crude and refined petroleum for 12 months ended July 1937 totalled 1,122,500,000 gallons of which 62,800,000 were recorded as imported from British Borneo.

Imports, if any, from other British countries were relatively unimportant. Direct purchases of petroleum on the State account by service departments were not included in these statistics. Separate particulars of imports of petroleum had not appeared in the Japanese monthly trade returns since last July.—*Reuter*.

ITALIAN CHARGE RIDICULED

London, Dec. 13. Replying to a question whether he was aware of a statement published in the Government-controlled press that Britain intends to annex the Azores Islands, now Portuguese territory, Mr. Anthony Eden said, "I am aware of the publication of the statement but I am confident it will be everywhere appreciated that no significance need be attached to fantastic statements of this kind, because they are entirely devoid of foundation. In my view fabrications of this kind, only do harm to the people who make them."—*British Wireless*.

full compensation, apologies and guarantees against a repetition of such an attack.—*Reuter*.

President's Dictation

Washington, Dec. 13. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, personally presented to Mr. Hiroshi Saito, the Japanese Ambassador, a protest concerning the sinking of the Panay, which President Roosevelt personally dictated and handed to Mr. Hull.

The memorandum stated: "Please tell the Japanese Ambassador when you see him at 1 o'clock that the President is deeply shocked and concerned about the news of the indiscriminate bombing of American and other non-Chinese vessels in the Yangtse, and that he requests the Emperor of Japan be so advised."

Secondly, that he requests that all the facts be assembled and shortly presented by the Japanese Government. Thirdly, he expresses the hope that in the meantime the Japanese Government will consider definitely the presentation to this Government of full expression of regret and a proffer of full compensation, and methods guaranteeing against a repetition of any similar attack in the future."

This memorandum was signed "Franklin D. Roosevelt," and was the second protest within 24 hours, a cable having previously been sent to the U.S. Ambassador in Tokyo to present to Mr. Koki Hirota.—*United Press*.

Convictions Quashed

Magistrate's Ruling In Several Cases Upset On Appeal

Convicted Men Set Free

An appeal against a conviction by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy on November 8, was heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Court of Appeal this morning. The appellant, Yip Ken-chuen, alias Li Yau-sing, 48, was charged at the Magistracy with having attempted to obtain \$1,000 by false pretences, between September 9 and 13, from Chan Chun-yin, of No. 4 York Road, Kowloon Tong, by sending her a letter purporting to be written by her husband in Honolulu advising her to pay \$1,000 to Li Yau-sing, of No. 65 Wing Lok Street, as settlement of an account between Li's uncle and Chan's husband. He was convicted of the charge, and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the appellant, while Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, was for the Crown.

The Hon. Mr. D'Almada said the appeal was made on the grounds of insufficient evidence. The evidence adduced by the Crown was that the woman Chan received a letter purporting to be from her husband in Honolulu telling her to pay a sum of money to Li Yau-sing. She went to the address given in company with two other women and interviewed the defendant there. She later received a subsequent letter from Li Yau-sing, and took the police to arrest him.

There was nothing to prove that appellant pretended to be authorised by Wong Kwai-lung, Chan's husband, to receive the money, neither was there proof that he wrote the second letter which was purported to have been signed by him. The Crown, he admitted, had proved that the letter from Honolulu was a forgery, and also that Li admitted he was Li.

MAGISTRATE'S DECISION

Mr. Kwan had appeared for appellant at the Magistracy and had submitted he had no case to answer. In reply to that, the Magistrate held there was a case to answer and said that it was not necessary for the prosecution to prove that defendant had forged the letter from Honolulu. He also held that there was sufficient prima facie evidence that defendant had represented himself to be authorised by Wong to receive the money.

The highest the Crown could put their case, counsel submitted, was that defendant represented himself to be authorised by the uncle and not by Wong. Defendant had been used as an innocent tool. Counsel submitted that the conviction should be quashed.

Mr. Williams said he had nothing to say, as he could not support the decision of the Magistrate.

His Lordship thereupon quashed the conviction, and discharged appellant.

SECOND APPEAL

A second appeal against convictions by the Magistrate at the Central Magistracy on November 8, was then heard before the Chief Justice. Appellants were Yip Ken-chuen, alias Li Yau-sing, and Tsui Kwong-yun, convicted on a charge of conspiracy to defraud by stealing money in the course of transit for the purpose of obtaining money by false pretences. Both were sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for appellants, and Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, was for the Crown.

Li Yau-sing was alleged to have sent a letter to Tin Ying-pang, of No. 74 Apulia Street, first floor, purporting to be written by Tin Ying-pang, of No. 74 Apulia Street, first floor, instructing her to pay \$1,500 to Chan Ming-cho, of No. 62 Des Voeux Road West, first floor.

The Hon. Mr. D'Almada said the appeal in this case was also on the grounds of insufficient evidence. There were originally other men charged with the defendant in whom the police did not proceed, and they were accordingly discharged by the Magistrate, except for one, who jumped his bail. Counsel submitted that throughout the evidence adduced by the Crown, there was nothing to entitle the Magistrate to find any common design, concert or agreement. The Crown had proved, or thought it had proved, only that there were two attempts to victimise and one actual case of

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7.30 Stock Quotations and Hong-kong Exchange Market. 7.45 Studio Eva Turner (Soprano) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

1. Spring (Handel); 2. The Chestnut Tree; 3. Dedication (Schumann) Piano Interlude; 4. Sweet chance that led my steps (Michael Head); 5. Sweet Suffolk Owl (Elizabeth Foster); 6. The Lover's Maze; 7. Sweet sweet Nymphs (Peter Warlock). 8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Nura Kanis (Piano) playing Schumann's "Carnaval". 8.25 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Deutschnestler Regimental March (Jurek); Spring's Delight—March-Intermezzo (Albott); Mighty Lak' A Rose; The Rosary (Nevin); Salut D'Amour (Elgar); I Kiss Your Lips (Rudolph); Where My Caravan Has Rested (Lohr); Love's Old Sweet Song (Molloy); Polpourri Of Waltzes, No. 3 (Robrecht).

8.55 London Relay—The Birthday Of His Majesty King George VI. Salute of guns at the Tower of London, and a description of the scene, broadcast from the Tower of London.

9.10 London Relay—Military Band Music.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Dance Records.

Fox-Trot—On Your Toes; There's A Small Hotel (Hill "On Your Toes"); Jack Hylton and His Orchestra; Tunkos; Panto Arenas (Codevilla); San Fernando (Codevilla); Heinz Huppertz and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—I Need You; Novelty Fox-Trot—Dancing Moth... Jay Wilbur and His Band; Quick-Step—I Wasn't Lying When I Said "I Love You"; Waltz—Oh, Mr. Man In The Moon... Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

10.15 London Relay—"Entertainment At St. George's" 1867-1937.

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11.15 Close Down.

attempting to obtain money by false pretences.

NO CONNECTION

The letter purporting to have been written from Ocean Island had not been proved a forgery by the Crown. There was nothing to support it, and there was no evidence to prove that Mr. Williams had authorised anyone to collect the money. Regarding the letter written to Kwan Hong-ki, there was nothing to connect Li Yau-sing with it, neither was there anything to connect Tsui Kwong-yun with it or suggest that he had conspired with Chan Ming-cho to perpetrate the fraud.

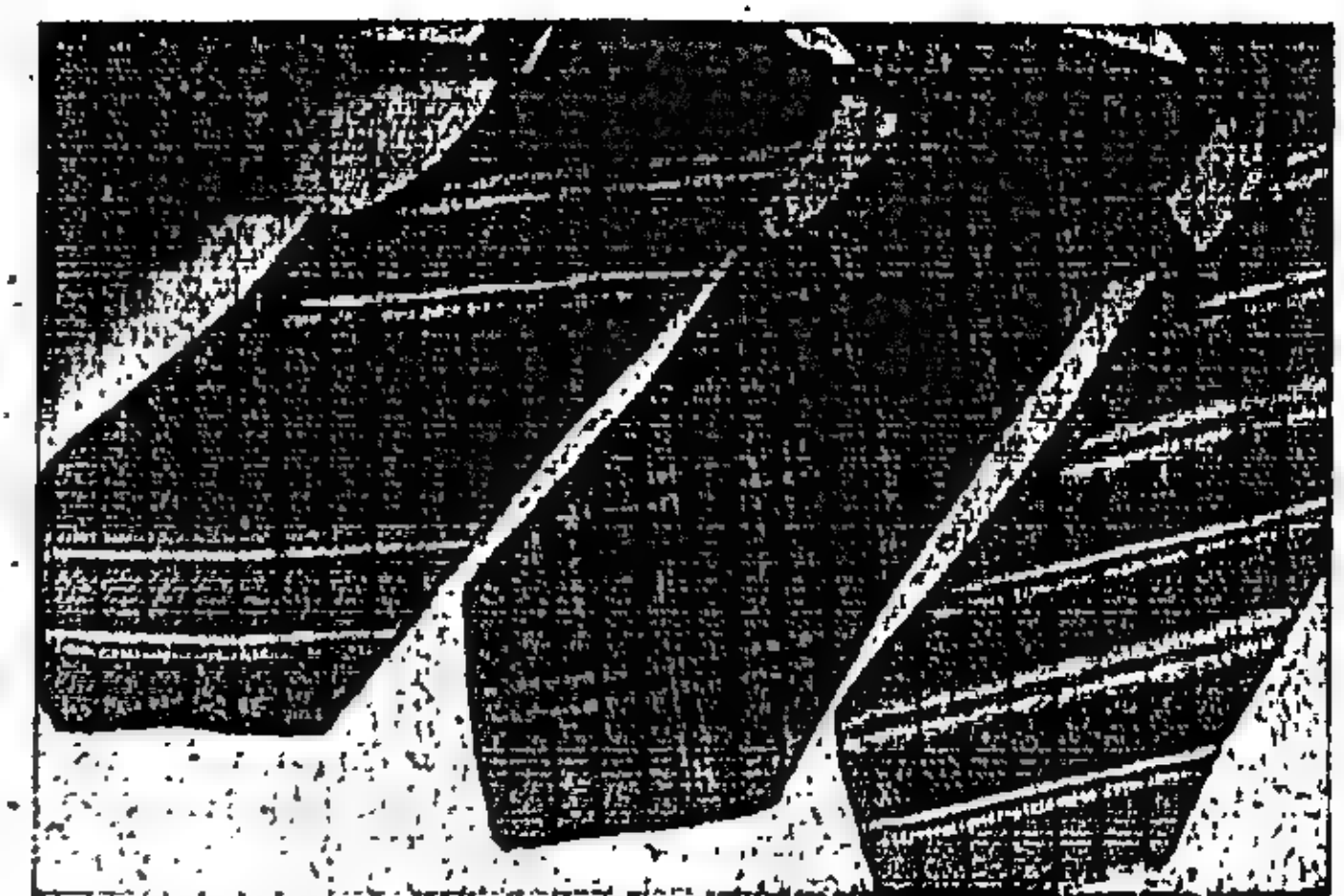
The Magistrate in his reasons for holding that defendants had a case to answer, appeared to attach some importance to the presence of second appellant in the floor where Kwan had visited. In the letter written to the woman Chan, there was no proof of first appellant's handwriting. In the Ocean Island letter, there was no proof of fraud, but because of its similarity to the other two the Magistrate held against defendant.

Counsel submitted that there was nothing to connect the Sydney case with the other two. The association of the two appellants in something proper led the Magistrate to believe they were associated in the alleged fraud. There was no evidence at all on which the Magistrate was entitled to infer a common criminal purpose. The general impression of fraud had confused the Magistrate and had tended to lead him to forget the real charge of fraud. Counsel submitted that the convictions should therefore be quashed.

Mr. Williams, in reply, submitted that there was sufficient evidence to show fraud.

His Lordship, in quashing the convictions, said that whatever justification there might have been on the evidence in the direction of registering a conviction against any of the defendants, he could find no justification for the grounds on which the Magistrate chose to stand. He could not put it any higher than a slight suspicion against the appellants. The convictions were quashed. Both men were immediately set free.

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Cricket Notes

Kowloon C.C.

Surprised
By I.R.C.A REVIEW OF JUNIOR
LEAGUE MATCHES

(By "R. Abbit")

When in last Friday's article I referred to the recent improvement of the I.R.C. second eleven and warned Kowloon not to be too confident, I confess I did not think that the odds against a Kowloon defeat were less than ten to one. But in the game last Saturday at the K.C.C. the home side were definitely and decidedly beaten by what was a far better side, and as before, I. Ali had a very large share in the victory of his team.

I myself cannot call to mind that I have played any League cricket before this season—but he has obviously been well taught to play the game somewhere. His batting is definitely stylish, and if it is a bit slow, this is a fault he will mend later, I have no doubt. The only thing I don't quite like is a defensive back shot which, though giving the effect of a straight bat with the left elbow up, actually is played with a flourish or twist of the wrists which causes the bat to travel across the line of the ball from off to leg in a sort of pendulum motion.

K.C.C.'s POOR SHOW

The home side have little excuse, as they won the toss and had first use of a wicket which was a very good one as far as could be seen. The opening pair, Dunn and Mulcahy made quite a fair start putting up 25 for the first wicket. But thereafter McKenzie alone played a decent knock though Hall and Gray got double figures and made it possible for the side to send up the hundred. The strength of the Kowloon batting was, on paper, undoubtedly but they seem to have struck the same patch in which the first eleven bats are stuck. Buxton, who is a very useful bat, is out of form at present, and the two Broadbridges only managed seven runs between them. Three other batsmen only collected eight and the result was not good.

When the Indians started their innings it looked for a short time as if they might lose the game after all as they opened slowly. Several leg balls which should have gone for four were either missed or put away for one, and they paid great respect to the not very dangerous looking deliveries of Luke and McKenzie. The latter was over-pitching them a good deal on the off and a hard-hitting batsman would have punished him heavily. I fancy, however, he got in one good length ball and Rumball played outside it and was bowled. This was just after Barma had entirely mistimed a simple off ball from Luke and presented mid-off with the simplest of catches. Two were down for ten and a Kowloon win seemed possible if they could prevent Ali from setting down.

A LONG STAND

This, however, they could not do and he and M. I. Razack settled down.

AS SOLE AGENTS

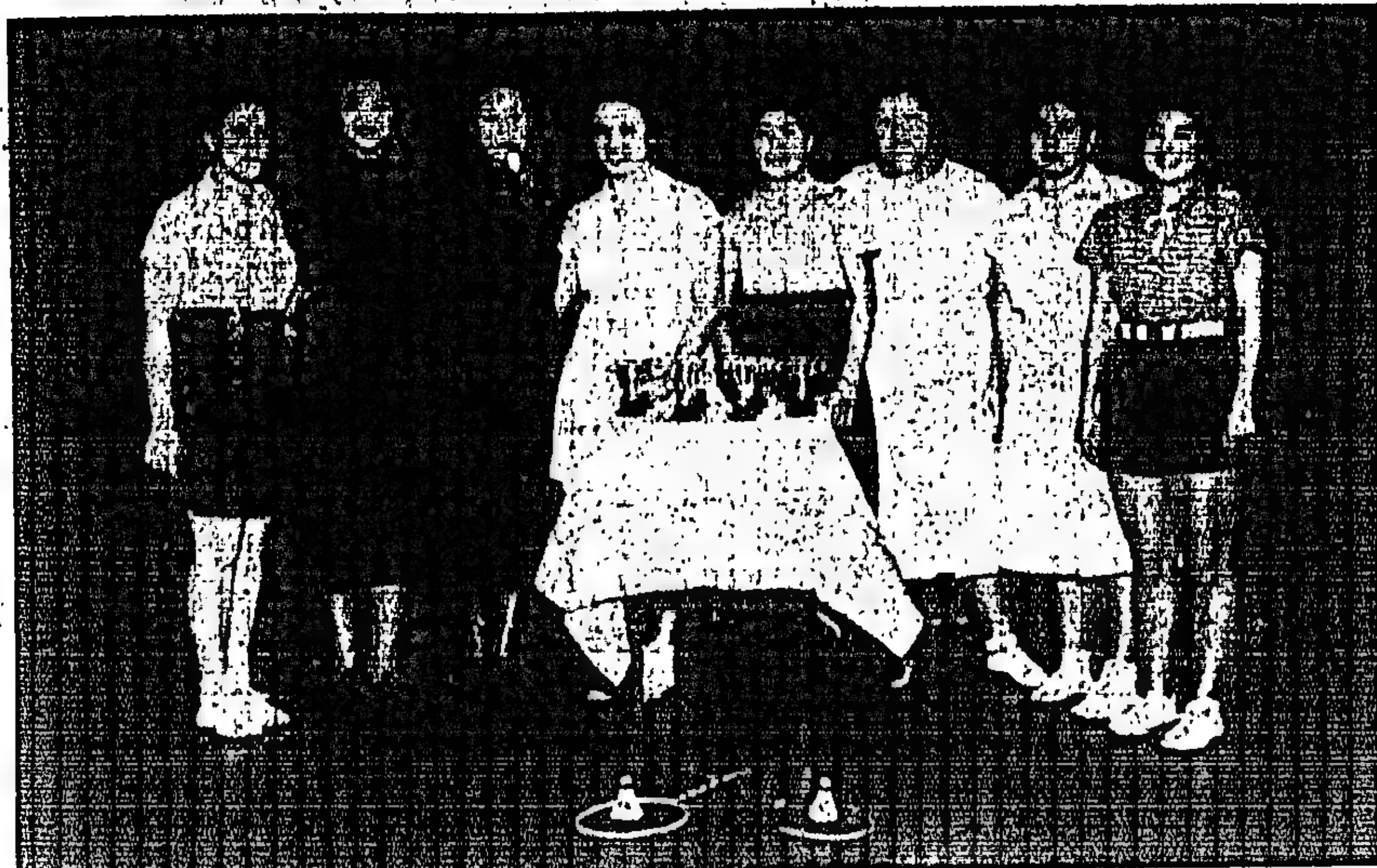
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BADMINTON
LEAGUE
TIESUniversity "B"
Success

Only two matches were played in the "A" Division of the Badminton League last evening.

After three defeats, University "B" won their first League points by beating Recreio "B" at King's Park by six games to three. The tie was fixed to be played at the Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium, but was played at the Recreio on the request of the undergraduates.

As expected, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat St. Andrew's, conceding one game.

LEAGUE TABLES

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
University "A"	3	3	0	0	25	2	0
Recreio "A"	3	3	0	0	23	4	0
Chinese "A"	4	3	1	0	26	10	0
King's College	3	1	2	0	10	17	2
University "B"	4	1	3	0	13	23	2
St. Andrew's	5	1	4	0	10	35	2
Recreio "B"	4	1	3	0	10	26	2

or after January 8 and I gather feet movements may upset their side a bit. They could do with one more good 'stock' bowler anyway.

On Saturday last they were up against the not very strong Army "B" side (I have an idea Camp does not help some of the Army teams)—and won very convincingly. The Army started well enough as Painter (23) and Smith (29) put up about 50 for the first wicket but after that except Patterson (24) and (out) and Coombes (18)—one could do much, and the former carried his bat out. The score of 117 was not a very serious obstacle and, as often has happened this year, Waymouth and Eynn gave the Navy a useful start. With a certain amount of assistance from the others the latter proceeded to take most of the burden on his own shoulders and hit up an excellent seventy not out. The game was won by six wickets with plenty of time in hand. Just after the winning hit, D'Arcy Evans was smartly caught at the wicket.

CLUB ARRESTED BY POLICE

The progress of the H.K.C.C. in the Junior League was rudely arrested by the Police who were condescendingly on the Club ground. It is, however, only fair to mention that the first eleven had taken off Swain and J. R. Way to fill up their all too depleted ranks. The Police with Hunter and W. Clarke as top scorers compiled the not very large total of 124. Divett did best of the six bowlers tried with four for thirty-two. For the Club, King got 26 but the next five batsmen failed—as did three more later and Divett (15) and Bond (23) alone got double figures. The fact that these three men scored 64 out of the Club's total of 88 is a useful commentary on the general weakness of the batting. By the way, I was rather surprised to see Stoker sent in last. My recollection is that he has in the past played some hard slashing innings and is quite capable of knocking bowlers off their length. Or is this part of the Far-Eastern Amnesia that is rapidly falling upon me? Anyway some such person would have been useful to the Club as Pope and Baker walked through most of them and Carey tried at the last, got a couple of quick wickets. Pope is in great form this season and Baker seems to be coming back to form.

CIVIL SERVICE DEFEAT
SAPPERS

Owing to misunderstanding with the cricket representative of I.E.S., who was, I believe, out in camp, it was only at 12 o'clock on Saturday that their captain (Hod-dinott, I think) learned that a game had been arranged. He himself, I regret to hear, is laid up with a poleaxed foot, but he very sportingly undertook to raise a team and he managed to collect ten men. The first three wickets went down rapidly and after Baker, who had bowled very well with the new ball, was taken off McEllan got a couple of quick wickets and five wickets were down for 15. However Tudor, Dawson and Bradford all managed to get some runs and showed greater par-

ST. JOSEPH'S
HOLDS UP
H.K. POLICEExciting Hockey
Encounter

Playing their second match yesterday St. Joseph's College met and drew with the Police in a fast and exciting hockey encounter, each side scoring three goals.

K. Singh and A. Sequeira were the pick of forward line for the College, the former supplying many beautiful passes down the wing. Ramben, at centre forward, also shone, while the backs came to the fore with some good hitting.

A few minutes after the game commenced, the police found the net through Marwant Singh, their outside-left, and ten minutes later they again scored from a short corner, the ball going to Marwant who netted once again with a nice drive. The third goal was scored by their centre-forward at the closing stages of the first half.

Beginning the second half with three goals down, the College boys opened strongly and took the ball to the Police area, forcing a short corner, which resulted in Ramben netting well. Soon after, K. Singh scored with a grand flick shot.

Spurred on by their success, the schoolboys made brilliant dashes down the field, tricking the Police players time and again to finally gain the equalising goal through Ramben.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be held in the Board room of the South China Morning Post at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, December 17.

Malty for the slower bowlers, Wood and Richardson, Bradford at end hit well and the score finally reached 122. I have not yet managed to discover the origin of the rumour that Hawkins bowled three overs to start with for the Civil Service. He did not go on at all.

The Civil Service batsmen however were far too good for the schoolboys' bowling. Richardson decided was not seeing them and was caught at cover point off what I have heard described as an almighty swipe. After his duck, however, Colledge and Perry sent up the hundred before I have not yet managed to discover the origin of the rumour that Hawkins bowled three overs to start with for the Civil Service. He did not go on at all.

The game may have been rather one-sided but in these days of amazing cricket apathy it is most pleasant to record the thoroughly sporting effort of the Sappers who with half of their men in camp raised this team between 12 noon and 2 p.m. They made a very good fight of it too, for the Civil Service were at full strength with the exception of Griffiths whose hand is not quite fit yet.

LOW SCORING AT C.C.C.

I do not know what has happened to all the batting in the Colony but it is perfectly amazing what small scores are being recorded this season. At Craigengower the first eleven, which seemed as far as I could see to be at full strength, only managed 60 runs against the Club de Recreio. However, it was very nearly enough, for it was only a most useful 39 by E. L. Gosano and 19 not out by A. M. Rodrigues that enabled the visitors to bring their total to 63. They also seemed to be at full strength, possibly with one exception, and I have heard no explanation for it.

There is no space to deal with the other matches in this article but I must take this opportunity of expressing my regret—and I feel sure all cricketers will join me—at the untimely death of A. B. Dale. I believe he had played for the first Navy team on occasion but he was a regular member of the Navy second team. He was a very useful bowler and he will be greatly missed in the cricket field here.

THIRD
ROUND OF
F.A. CUPChelsea Omitted
From Cable

In cabling the draw in the third round of the English F. A. Cup, Reuter has omitted Chelsea from the list.

Chelsea more than likely is among the first dozen teams. The draw, as cabled by Reuter, is as follows:

Grimsby v. Swindon, Doncaster, Sheffield United, Crystal Palace, Liverpool, Brentford, Fulham, Everton, Derby, Stoke, Bury v. South Liverpool or Brighton.	Aldershot v. Notts County.
Arsenal v. Bolton, Sunderland v. Watford, Swansea v. Wolves, Southampton v. Barnsley, Millwall v. Manchester C., Tottenham v. Blackburn, Tranmere v. Portsmouth, Bradford C. v. Chesterfield, Notts F. v. Southampton.	Clapton O. v. Coventry, West Brom. v. Newcastle, Manchester U. v. Yeovil & Petters, Leeds v. Chester, Charlton v. Cardiff.
Mansfield or Lincoln v. Leicester, Bradford v. Newport, Huddersfield v. Hull, Middlesbrough v. Stockport, Sheffield Wed. v. Burnley, Birmingham v. Blackpool.	
N. Brighton v. Plymouth, Norwich v. Aston Villa, Preston N. E. v. West Ham, Scarborough v. Luton.	

Move For
Brighter
Cricket

London, Nov. 23.
Drawn matches will not pay in next summer's Australian test tour of England.

The first big move for brighter cricket was made this week when the Board of Control decided that if England or Australia lead by no more than one of the four-day tests when the final game is due at the Oval, that match will be played to a finish.

Previously it paid a side leading by two to one to play for a draw in the fourth test to prevent a decider in the final test. Here is the new rule compared with that in force in the 1934 series:

IN 1934

"If, after the fourth Test match, neither side has won two matches, or if the results are even, then the fifth Test match shall be played to a finish."

NOW

"The last Test match will be played to a finish if, after the fourth Test the difference in matches won is not greater than one."

Commenting on the new regulation, a prominent M.C.C. official said:

"The change will prevent a repetition of the happenings in 1935, when South Africa won the second test at Lord's and concentrated on drawing the next two."

NEW ZEALAND TOUR PROFIT

Profits from last season's Test matches against New Zealand and the Test trial match resulted in a distributable surplus of £22,000. Each first class county will receive approximately £200 and £10 17s. will go to each minor county. Incidentally, arrangements have been made for the Oxford and Cambridge match next season to begin on a Saturday. The change is to be regarded as an experiment, as a Sunday with a possibility of rain since the game has been begun, has never been considered quite fair.

The dates fixed for next year's match are July 2, 4 and 5.

CEYLONESE CRICKET
TEAM FOR MALAYAFAMOUS PLAYERS AMONG
SELECTED SIDE

Singapore, Dec. 2.

It is now certain that a team of Ceylonese cricketers of very high standard will visit Malaya in the spring.

Discussions have been proceeding for some time and have finally resulted in definite arrangements for a tour by a team sailing from Colombo on April 10, and leaving Malaya on May 4, giving them almost three weeks in this country.

A famous player in Dr. Gunasekera will captain the team, which will include an Oxford Blue in F.C. de Saram and others who have won distinction in the game in England and Ceylon.

From the details given below of the nine players who have already signified their intention of making the trip it will be seen that the touring side will have an abundance of both batting and bowling talent, with several gifted all-rounders: Dr. C. H. Gunasekera: All-rounder and ex-Middlesex player.

F. C. de Saram: Oxford Blue.

R. Senanayake: Has played for All-Ceylon and scored well against the last M.C.C. side.

S. S. Jayawickreme: Opening all-rounder and the best batsman at present in Ceylon. He scored a century against an Indian team which included the test match bowlers Amar Singh and Nissar.

H. B. Kanangara: All-rounder and former vice-captain of the Sinhalese C.C., Ceylon.

B. E. R. Cooray: Wicket keeper and opening bat.

J. B. S. Gunasekera: Left-hand opening batsman, who generally opens for All-Ceylon; useful change bowler.

I. Rasanayagam: All-rounder who has played for the Indian Gymkhana Club.

J. H. de Silva: Played for Oxford University, Australia, and Harlequins. Scored a century in Oxford trial; is a left-hand batsman and a fast bowler; has played for All-Ceylon.

S.C.C. ARRANGING FIXTURES

At the request of the organisers of the tour the itinerary is being sponsored by the Singapore Cricket Club who have offered the loan of the Club padding for all matches played in Singapore. The Club have also undertaken to negotiate with up-country clubs for fixtures to be fulfilled elsewhere.

It is hoped that the team will be equal if not superior in strength to this year's tourists under the captaincy of Sir Julien Cahn.

Most of the players are professional men but the team will be representative of Ceylon, though it will be unofficial.

During their stay in Malaya the Ceylonese cricketers will be the guests of a Singapore resident, who will be leaving for Colombo this month in order to finalise arrangements for the tour.

London, Nov. 23.
Neil Tarleton, former feather-weight champion, was badly hurt in a car crash in Queen's Drive, Liverpool, yesterday.

Tarleton, with Mr. Douglas Yeoman, was driving when at striking distance the car crashed into a lamp standard. The ex-champion's head hit the wind-screen and he was knocked unconscious.

In hospital he had to have eight stitches inserted in his forehead, and it is feared he has fractured a knee. Tarleton only recently recovered from double pneumonia.

I wonder if any amateur will be found this season to challenge the supremacy of Kingsley Kennerley. One never knows, for when a new standard of excellence is set up players have a habit of rising to the occasion. Think of how Walter Lindrum "pulled out" Davis and Newman, who are incomparably better players to-day than they were when Lindrum paid his first visit to England.

In amateur billiards we have seen constant progress since the days of S. H. Fry. We all thought that the standard made by that most versatile stroke player would never be equalled—and we were wrong. Following him came Coles and Kennerley, and I think all of them would have beaten Fry when he was at his best.

I will make one prophecy—that Kennerley's break of 549 in last season's Amateur Championship will not be beaten this season. It is very long odds against an amateur making a break of over 500 in two successive seasons.

Followers of National Hunt racing are naturally interested in Reynolds-town, one of the few horses who have twice won the Grand National.

He is now 10 years old, and is to be given a certain amount of racing this winter. But he will not be entered for the Grand National. Nor will he ever run at Aintree again.

This I have on the authority of his owner-trainer Major Noel Furlong, who says that the horse has accomplished all that he could be reasonably expected to do at Liverpool.

"It would be too much to hope," adds Major Furlong, "that the luck would go Reynolds-town's way if he endeavoured to win yet another Grand National. I should lament to see him knocked over by a 10st horse or perhaps some other mishap occur to him in the race."

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New York, Dec. 13. Max Schmeling, the German heavyweight boxer and contender for the world's title, to-night beat Harry Thomas of Chicago by a technical knock-out in the eighth round of their scheduled ten-round bout.—Reuter.

QUESTIONS ON S'HAJ SITUATION

Eden Explains Japan Demand To House

London, Dec. 13. Lieut-Comm. R. T. H. Fletcher (Lab.) asked a question in the House of Commons to-day in regard to the demands the Shanghai Municipal Council had received from the Japanese military authorities.

Mr. Anthony Eden, in a written reply, said he was informed that on December 3 a Japanese representative handed to the Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police a statement indicating that the Japanese military authorities reserve the right to take independent action in the Settlement without previous notice to the Council if the situation rendered it necessary. The Council referred the matter to the Consular body which, Mr. Eden understood, is now communicating with the Japanese authorities.

Lieut-Comm. Fletcher asked through what channel His Majesty's Government communicates with the Shanghai Municipal Council with regard to action it considers the Council should take with regard to the demands formulated, and the action taken by the Japanese military authorities.

Mr. Eden, in a written reply, said the Council was an international organisation and any advice of the nature indicated would be communicated to it collectively by the Consular body through the senior Consul in Shanghai. Conversely, if the Council desired such advice it would refer to the Consular body through the senior Consul.—Reuter.

Rainfall Well Below Average

Temperature at 10 a.m. at the Royal Observatory to-day was 67, one degree higher than the corresponding reading yesterday, and humidity was 84, 11 per cent. more.

Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day totalled 0.03 ins., giving an aggregate of 61.02 ins. since January 1 against an average of 64.52 ins.

The anticyclone has decreased considerably in intensity and now exists as a ridge of high pressure extending from the Yangtze Valley to the Pacific to the south of Japan. The China Sea depression is probably filling up to the south of the Paracels.

Local forecast:—North-east winds, fresh; cloudy.

ATTEMPTED INCEST CHARGED

Alvaro Antonio de Souza Remedios, aged 33, book-keeper, of Waterloo Road, Kowloon, was charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day with attempted incest. Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham prosecuted in the case and applied for a week's formal remand which was granted.

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NANKING RETREAT ORDERED

Fall Came After Stout Defence

No Thought Of Surrender

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

Chinese defenders of Nanking, after withstanding intensive Japanese attacks for one week, were yesterday ordered by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to withdraw.

The withdrawal was carried out in an orderly manner and completed shortly before yesterday evening, when the Japanese forces claimed to have "completely occupied" the former capital.

The fall of Nanking came exactly four months to the day since the outbreak of the hostilities in the Shanghai area.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a statement regarding the withdrawal of Chinese troops from Nanking, states that this does not materially affect the policy of the National Government to resist the Japanese troops to the bitter end. The evacuation was undertaken in order to strengthen the Chinese positions whereby the war of resistance may effectively be continued.

Continuing Resistance

The statement points out that since the seat of the National Government has been removed from Nanking, the city has no further military significance. The Chinese army's fighting plan is to avoid heavy sacrifice and in accordance with that plan the troops at Nanking have been ordered to withdraw to new positions where they will continue the resistance.

No information is available regarding the routes the withdrawing army took, but it is presumed the bulk of the troops went up river by boats and launches.

Handful Still Fighting

Fighting desperately to stem the Japanese attack, a small force of Chinese troops is understood to have been left at Nanking when the main body of the army withdrew. These troops, it was reported last night, were still holding Hainkwan, the waterfront district between the willow city and the Yangtze, but unless they slipped out last night, they will be in a very precarious position to-day when their retreat by the river, now their only means of escape, may be cut off by the Japanese warships which are steaming up from Chinkiang.

General Matsui is expected to enter Nanking within a week, mounted on a charger, in the traditional manner of a conqueror. Meanwhile, elated residents of Hongkew will celebrate the fall of Nanking to-day with a victory parade through the streets in Hongkew district.

Starting with a rally in an open space near Hongkew market, the parade will wind through the various streets. Among places which the procession will pass are the Japanese Naval Landing Party headquarters, the Japanese military attaché's office, the Japanese Consulate-General and the flagship Izumo, which is berthed next to the Japanese Consulate.—Reuter.

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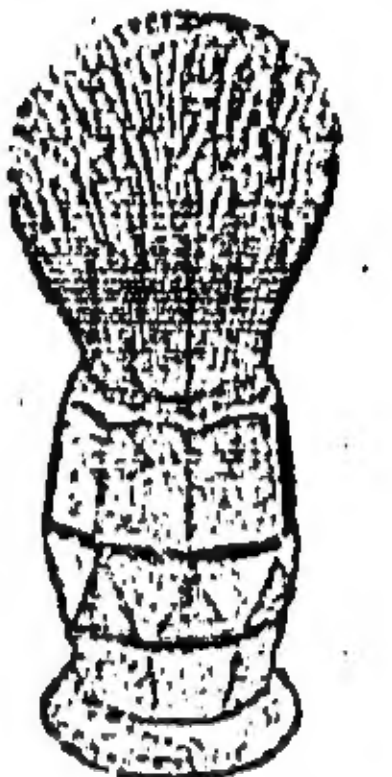
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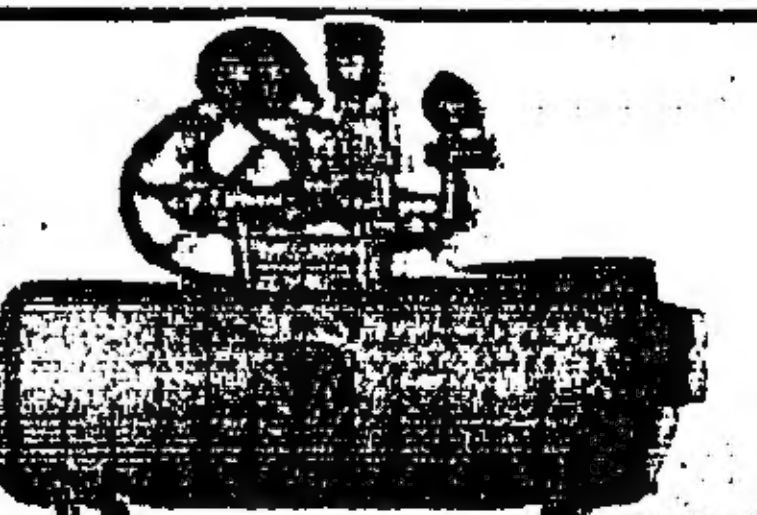
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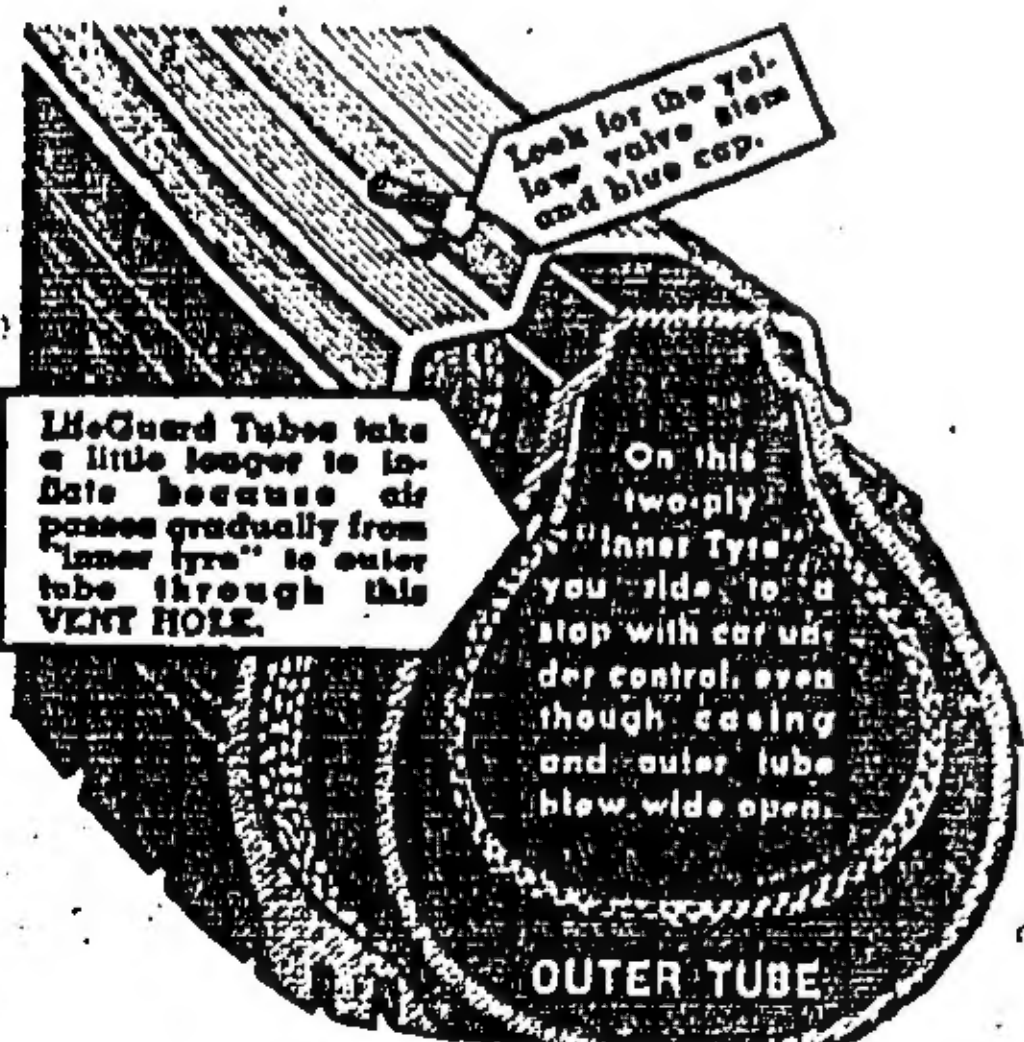
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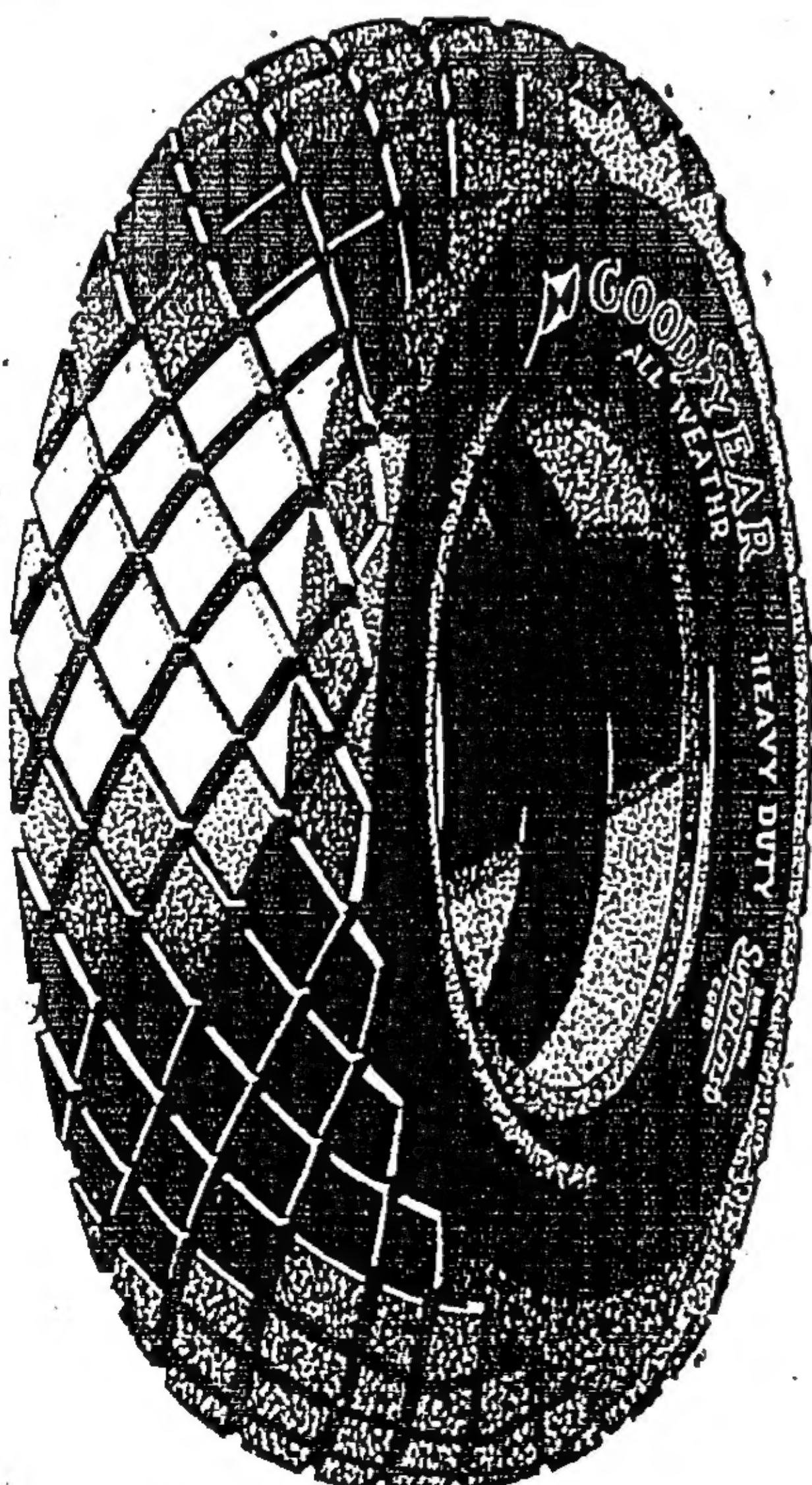
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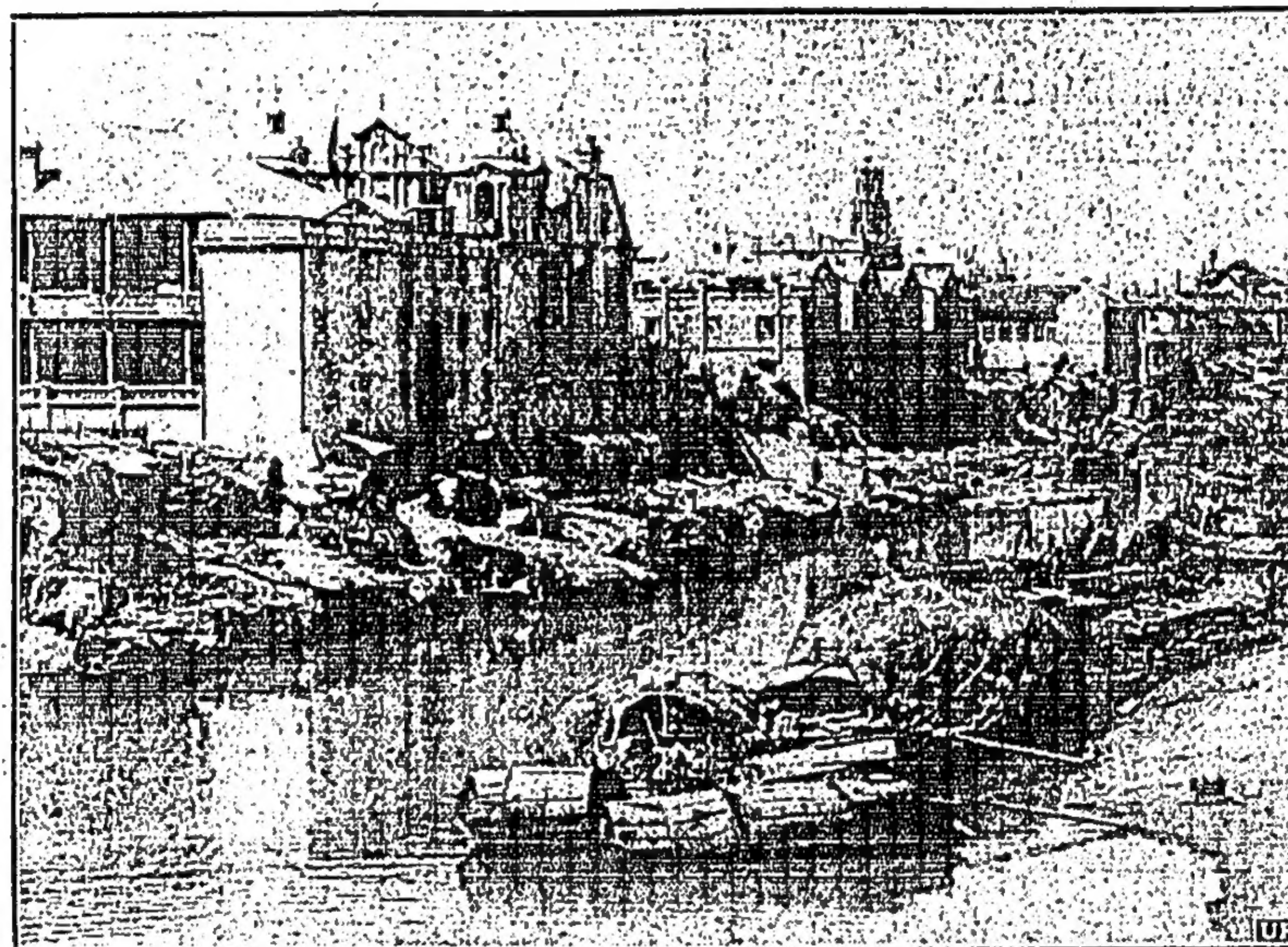
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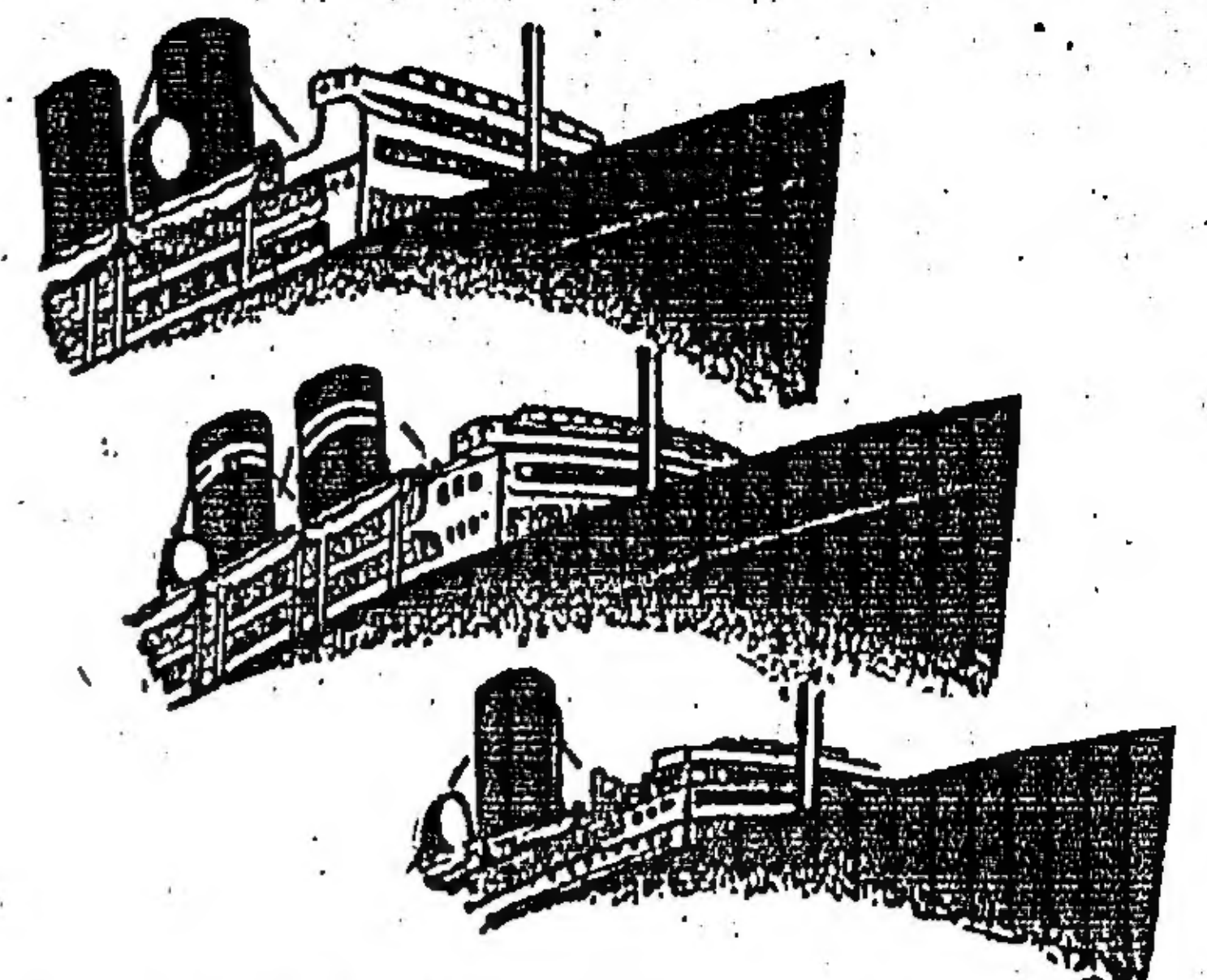
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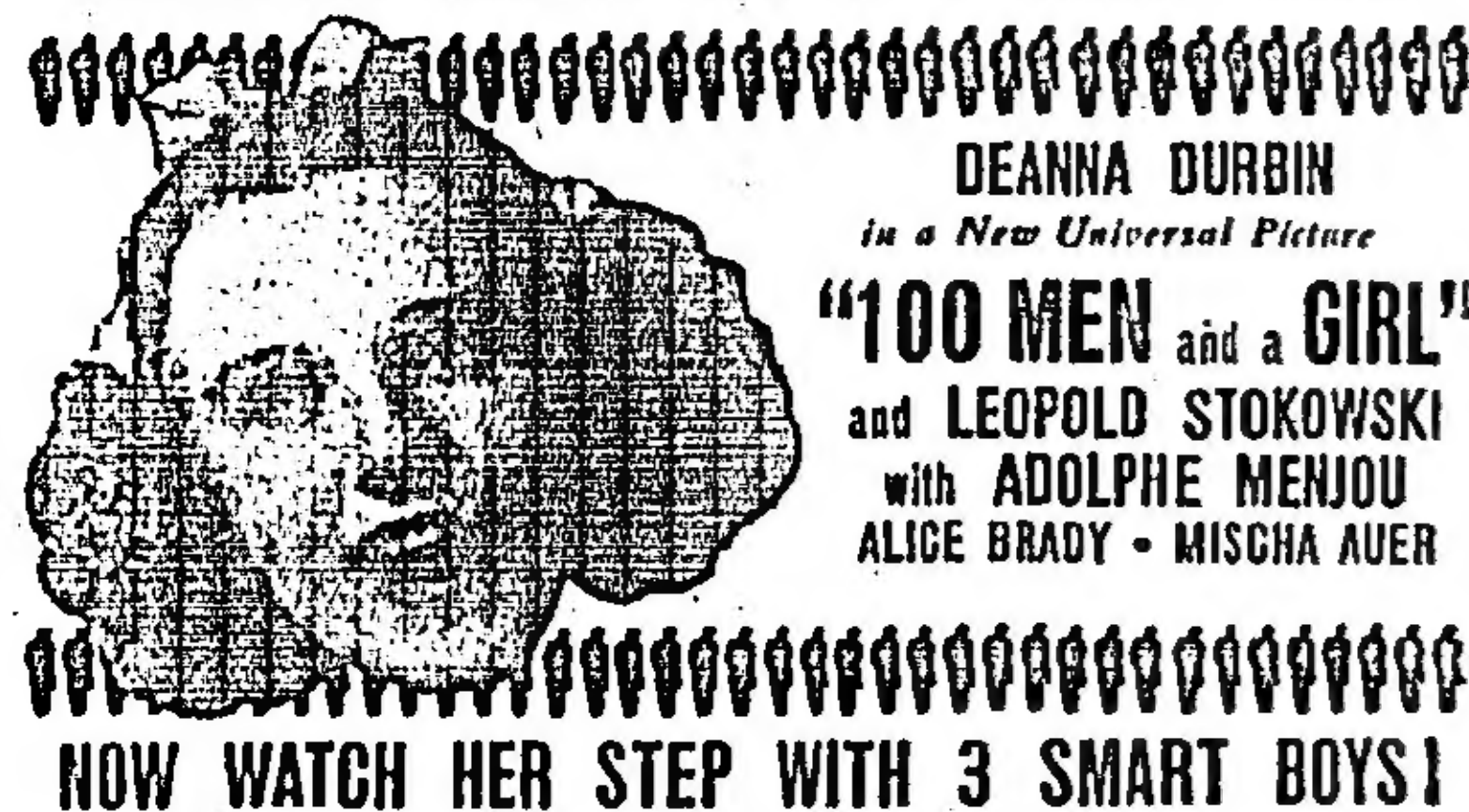
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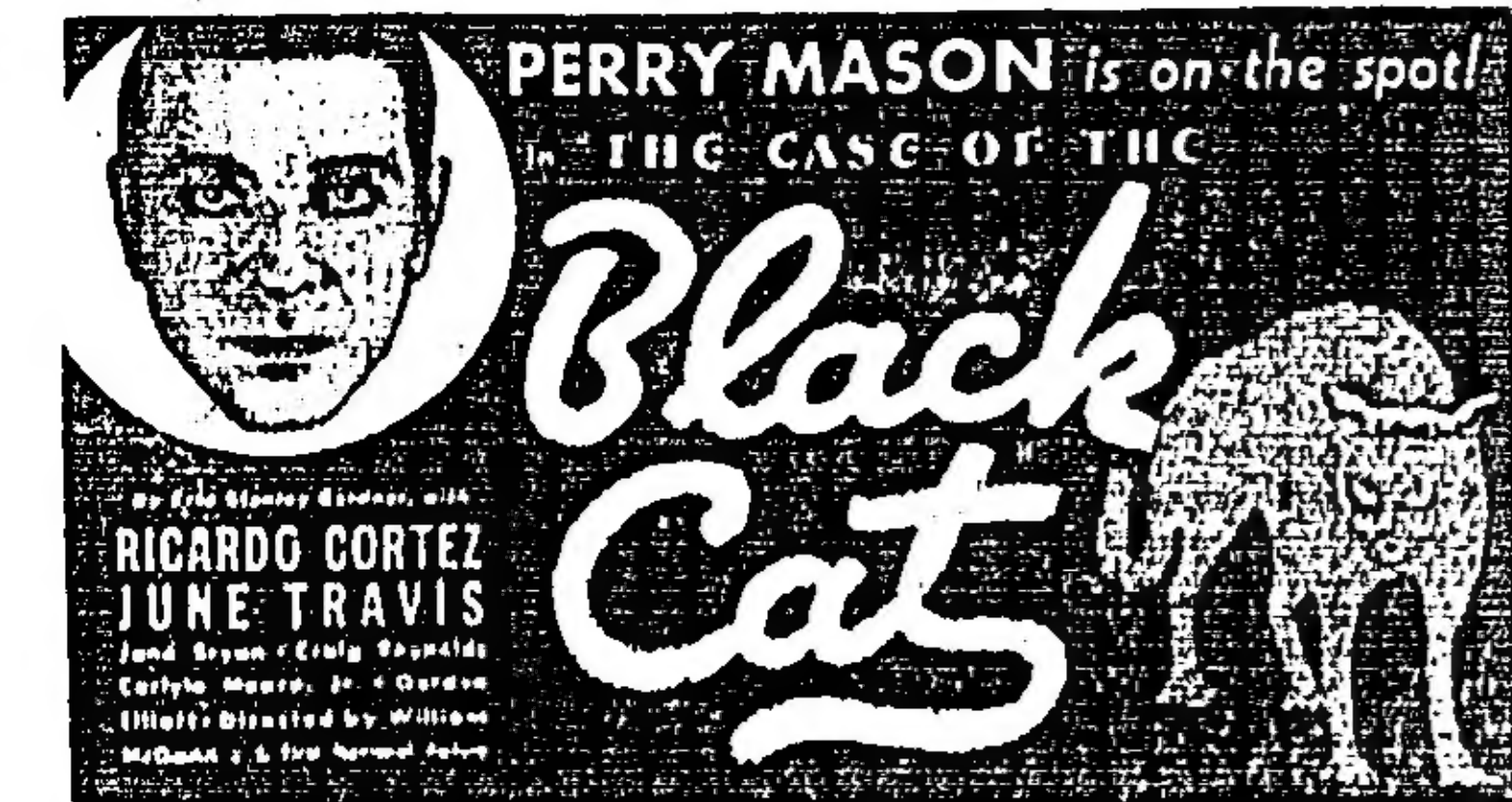
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ATTLEE DEFENDS BELIEFS

Makes No Excuse For Actions On Spanish Visit

London, Dec. 13. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Clement Attlee made a personal statement regarding the vote of censure moved on him on December 9 for his alleged inattention in visiting Spain and for an alleged public speech he made there.

He said that on the basis of inaccurate newspaper reports, a motion had been placed on the Order Paper attacking his honour and charging him with a breach of faith. Mr. Attlee explained that he went to Spain at the invitation of the Spanish Prime Minister. His views on the Spanish question were well-known and he would continue to do all he could to persuade the people of England to share his views on the just cause of the Spanish Government.

Although leader of the Opposition, Mr. Attlee said he was a private Member, and owed no allegiance to the Government. He made no excuse nor apologised for any action regarding his visit to Spain.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain suggested that the House should accept Mr. Attlee's statement, and there was no further comment on the matter.—Reuter's Special.

SILVER AGREEMENT TO BE BURIED

Washington, Dec. 13. The London Silver Agreement of 1933 can be "buried" on its expiration on December 31, it was stated on behalf of the Administration to-day.

No conversations towards its continuance had taken place. It was added.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S NEW MINISTER

Tokyo, Dec. 14. It is officially stated that the Home Minister, Dr. Eiichi Baba has resigned owing to ill-health, and that the Cabinet Councillor, Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu has been appointed Home Minister.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS NEWS

BRITAIN'S ANGER RISING

London, Dec. 14. Britain's rising anger has been aroused following the incidents on the Yangtze, and stern editorials feature this morning's newspapers.

The Daily Telegraph says that "any belief in Japan's self-proclaimed mission to 'introduce stability in the Orient' must be considered irrevocably forfeited in western eyes by the reckless manner in which she is carrying on a still undeclared war."

The News-Chronicle in urging an immediate joint Anglo-American embargo against Japan observes that: "The Japanese become more reckless in their conduct of the invasion of China. The motive inspiring these wanton Japanese attacks is difficult to fathom, but possibly it is due to sheer intoxication, indicating there may be a deeper motive. The Chinese continue to clutch like a drowning man at the straw of hope that Britain and America will do something, while the Japanese may be trying to teach them that London and Washington will do nothing, whatever the provocation received from Tokyo. So far they have succeeded, but the attacks on the British and American flags have now become intolerable. Probably all these outrages have been made possible through the use of war materials supplied from either British or United States sources. The proper reply is an embargo."—United Press.

"DEEP REGRET" IS NOT ENOUGH

Washington, Dec. 14. The Washington Post in an editorial says "The deliberate Japanese attack on the Panay, which at the time of destruction was virtually a floating Embassy, is far too serious a matter for flag waving and other heroics. The outrage comes to culminate a long line of Japanese assaults on the rights of neutrals in China, and demonstrates that the Japanese militarists will halt at nothing in their furious efforts to destroy the Chinese Government before their own economic position breaks down. And it is the type of aggression for which 'deep regret' by smoothed-tongued Japanese diplomats is totally inadequate."—United Press.

PEACE GROUPS ACTIVE

Washington, Dec. 14. As a result of the attack on the U.S.S. Panay, six peace organisations have issued a joint statement in which they observe that "the oriental situation is developing exactly the danger the forces advocating neutrality warned against from the beginning. In an Asiatic war an incident like the present one is bound to occur."

"It is bound likewise to create widespread alarm among the American people. The alarm is justified, for under the present day to day policy of drift, the way is open to any sudden action the administration may choose. Only the invocation of the Neutrality Act will give Americans the assurance that this Government does not intend to go to war to protect financial interests, nor intends to join in the application of sanctions to protect foreign interests along with our own small interests in the Orient."—United Press.

OAHU ARRIVES AT HOHSIEN

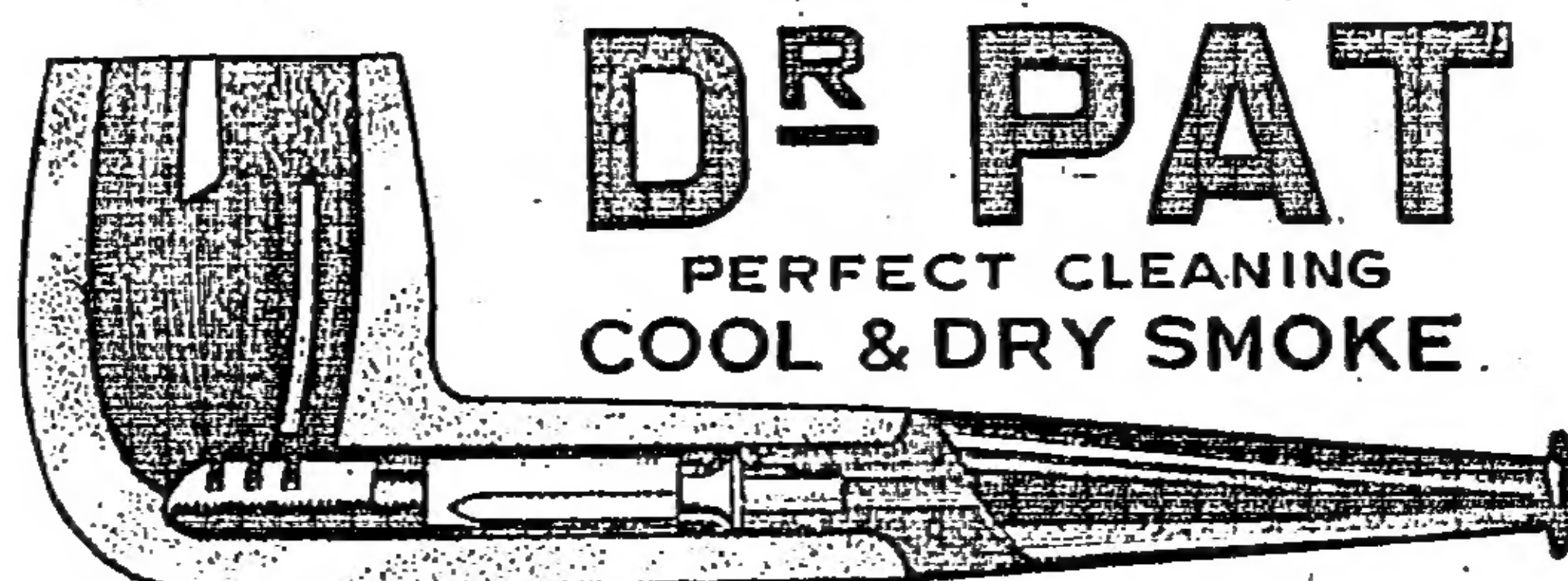
Shanghai, Dec. 14. The U.S.S. Oahu has arrived at Holsien to assist in the rescue of the Panay survivors.—United Press.

FARR TO FIGHT JIM BRADDOCK

New York, Dec. 14. Mike Jacobs to-day announced he had completed arrangements for Jim Braddock, former world's champion, to fight the Welsh whirlwind, Tommy Farr. They will fight ten rounds at Madison Square Gardens on January 21.—United Press.

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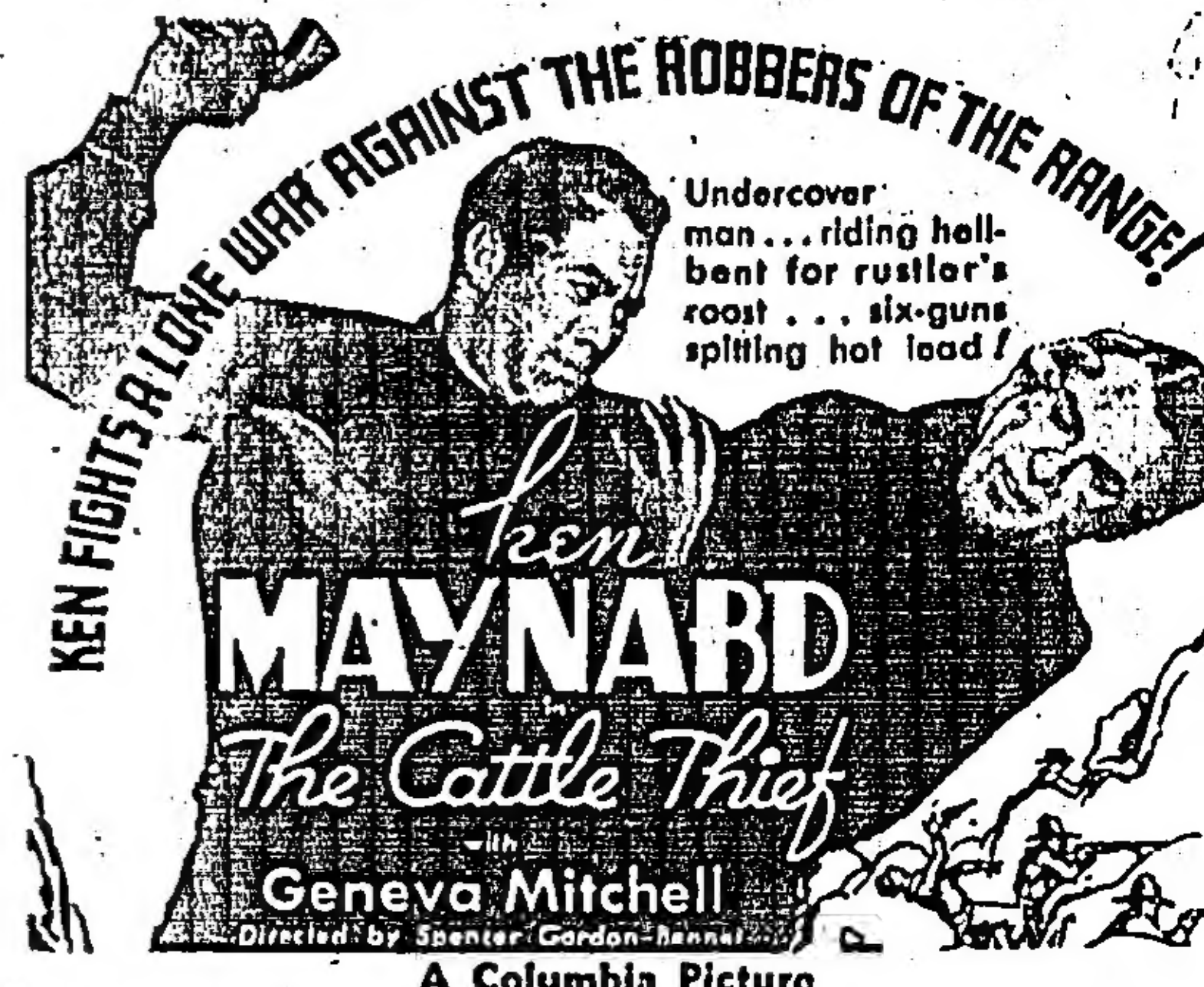
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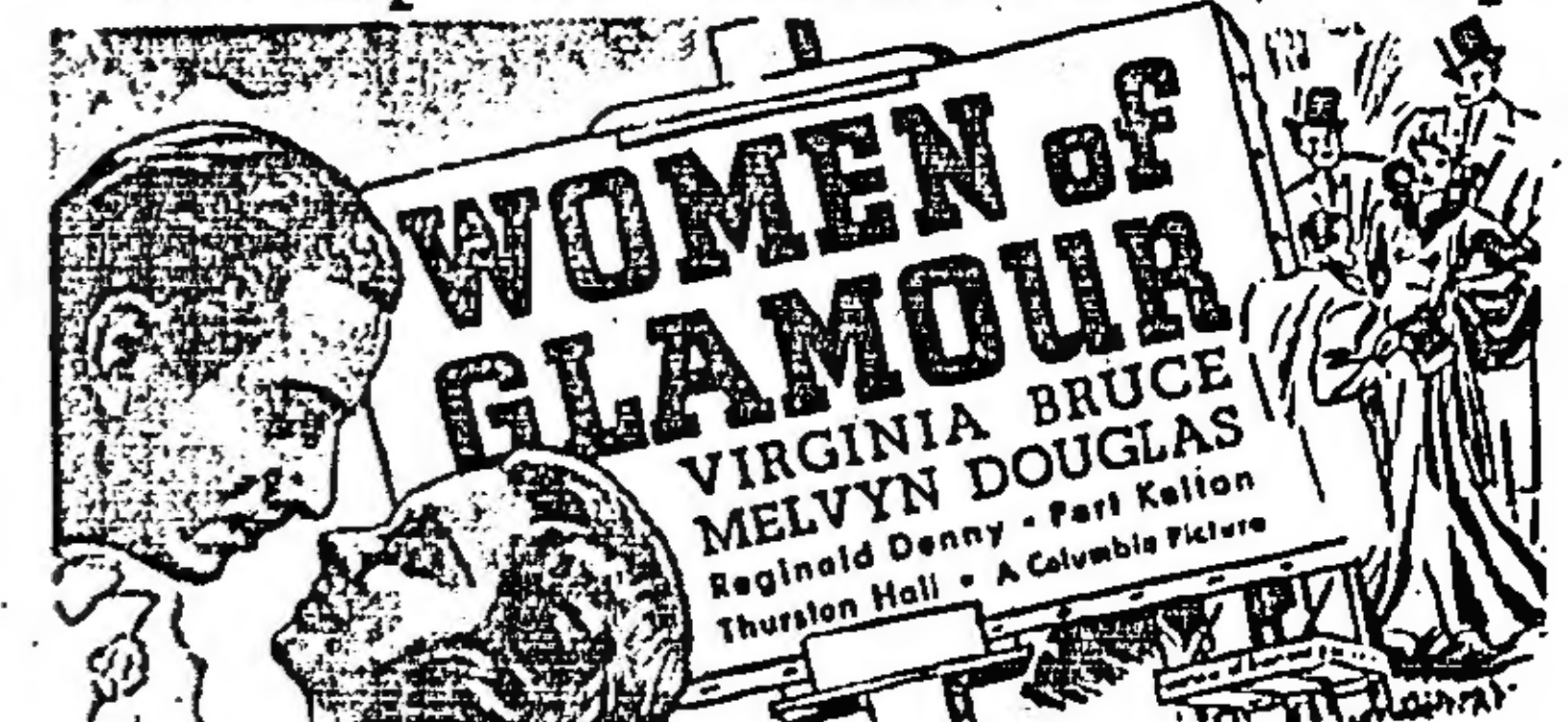
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